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# Weekly survey of American economy

## WEATHER DEALS A BLOW

### TEXTILES WEEKLY REVIEW

New York, Dec. 18. Cotton print clothes were more active this past week and moderate amounts were sold for nearby delivery.

Buyers continued to press for lower prices. Gross manufacturing margins on print clothes are at a seasonal low.

Sales of cotton yarn picked up and moderate quantities were sold for first quarter 1951 delivery. The improvement in demand seemed to have checked widespread price shading.

Trading in synthetic fabrics was mixed. An industry survey predicted that producing capacity would rise four per cent in the next six months.

Better grades of Manila hemp advanced  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent a pound as a result of the continuing scarcity of better grades. Spinal market were slow but prices remained firm at the higher levels reached in the previous week.

Burlap prices were unchanged and trading was extremely dull both here and in Chicago.

West trading was slow. Reports from overseas markets were mixed. Melbourne was slightly lower. Brisbane steady; while prices were in sellers' favour in Dunedin.—UPI.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

#### Proposal to change a Ship's name

I, SUI-LOONG PAO of 19 Java Road, 2nd Floor, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership I have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the British steamship HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 108631 Gross tonnage 7174.44 tons Register tonnage 4313.77 tons, heretofore owned by The Sunshing Shipping Company, Limited, 4, North Point Terrace, 2nd Floor, Hongkong, for permission to change her name to MARINE DISCOVERER and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The Ace Shipping Co., Ltd., 4, North Point Terrace, 2nd Floor, Hongkong.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 19th day of December, 1950.

THE ACE SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED  
SUI-LOONG PAO,  
Director.

## Heavy losses in retail trade

New York, Dec. 18. Nature conspired with depressing factors of longer standing this past week to deal American business an unwelcome pre-Christmas blow.

The severe snow storm which paralysed almost half the nation's population earlier this past week resulted in retail sales losses which can never be made up.

The Christmas sales volume, already trailing behind 1950, will obviously be showing a further dip as most stores lost at least two, and many even three valuable shopping days. Production and services suffered too, but their losses can be made up, not so in retail trade. Various surveys confirmed that most retailing outlets have been trailing in sales since Thanksgiving, some three weeks ago, behind the swift 1950 pace. But it must be remembered that December 1950 was a record month in retailing sales and it could have been hard to match anyhow.

Reports from across the country varied in their estimates of this year's loss—depending on individual stores—from about five to eight per cent below last December's volume.

#### STILL LOWER

This continued earlier figures that the overall 1950 sales volume would be some two per cent below 1949. With the unexpected snow storm the overall level of this year's sales may be lower still.

The late development was disappointing as it came on top of October and November figures which were very promising and constituted about the only bright patch in the generally dim economic picture.

Commerce Department statistics showed consumers maintained their November buying at October levels—\$18,600 million. This was the second highest level reached this year, exceeded only by April's \$18,900 million. The November volume was four per cent above November 1949 when the steel strike cut both purchasers' money and the variety of goods.

Weather this year played tricks with business in more ways than one. The Christmas shopping was slow to start because of unreasonably warm weather. Retailers had said what they needed was snow to remind consumers that Christmas was near. Now they have been reminded by the storm—but they could not get to the shops.

#### CAR SALES

Car sales fared better. The warm spell actually helped. Before the storm hit, carmakers reported boastfully they were in the midst of a true boom, with November sales totalling more than 530,000 new cars, exceeding even the record November of 1955 when just over 530,000 cars were sold. However, now car salesmen, most of them trading in open lots, were even worse hit than the rest of the retail business.

But the sales story was not just one of weather. There have been early signs in the fall that consumers this Christmas were bound on more looking than buying. Savings have been consistently up, meaning there was less money to spend. The consumer credit curve was beginning to show a downturn for the past few months. Much less new credit was being taken on. Instead, consumers concentrated on repaying older instalment debts—to the tune of 134 per cent of their total disposable income in October. This is an unusually high percentage and reflects partly the high level of instalment purchases made in 1950.

It is also explained by this fact of life of the American economy: in periods of business recession, when the incomes of many tend to contract, the percentage of income taken by payments on past instalment purchases, naturally rises.

New instalment credit extensions in October were just over \$4,000 million, about eight per cent under the record figure of last April. Indications are the downturn continued in November.

The situation was bound to get worse before it improved. Government predictions were another million workers are virtually certain to lose their jobs in December and January, pushing unemployment over five million jobless by February.

#### UNEMPLOYED

The mid-November total of 4,031,000 unemployed was a post-war record for the month. It was predicted to go up to 4.2 million at mid-December, then 4.5 million in January and possibly higher than that in February before returning to the five-million level in March.

The trend in the labour market was paralleled by developments in manufacturing. Steel production fell both in October and November. November production totalled 6,107,000 tons, contributing to an eleven-month total so far this year of 63,436,820 tons. This was the sixth highest annual rate on record and almost 15 per cent above last year, when the recent strike strangled output down to a trickle.

But it was obvious that December will not be able to make the year's total even 100 million tons, let alone the now ridiculous forecast at the start of this year of between 125 and 130 million. America's steel making capacity this year is known to be 140,000,000 tons.—UPI.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$3,500,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1430	1450	100 @ 14.25
Wharf Co	200	250	50 @ 25.4
Wheelock	945	915	300 @ 24.4
HK Dock	115	115	100 @ 11.4

Ch. Prov.	23.70	23.80	2200 @ 23.80
HK S. S.	41 1/2	42	2000 @ 41 1/2
Hotel	74 1/2	75	2500 @ 74 1/2
HK Land	74 1/2	75	1500 @ 74 1/2

Yau-mat	114	110	100 @ 114
Bonus	107	100	100 @ 107

		330	at 63 1/2
		490	at 64
		520	at 64
Dairy	.....	334	
Watson	.....	37	
Textile	.....		
		100	at 38
		500	at 0.45
		1000	at 0.45
		4000	at 0.40
		1000	at 0.35
		2000	at 0.40
		2000	at 0.45
		5000	at 0.45

Dairy	23 1/2	100 @ 23 1/2
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HK & FE	15.20	40 @ 15.10
Inv.	2100	2100 @ 15.20
Construction	10.10	200 @ 10.10
Underwriters	11 1/2	100 @ 11 1/2
Int'l Inv.	10.10	100 @ 10.10
Human	248	248 @ 2.15
Humbly	23.20	250 @ 23.20
Star Ferry	43	100 @ 43
Craw.	29 1/2	100 @ 29 1/2
Vibro	23.40	100 @ 23.40
Cold. Macc.	57	100 @ 57

#### Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.70
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.63
Australian notes (per £1)	15.62
Indonesian Rupiah (per 100)	3.20
Siam (per 100)	25.15
Singapore (Straits)	1.81

#### Agreed merchant rates

West German Deutschemark Maximum Selling 72-8/16.

## Wall Street gains on late rally

New York, Dec. 18. It took a sharp Friday rally to put an indecisive stock market on the plus side this past week.

Prices had drifted within a narrow range in the first four sessions as dark clouds continued to hang over the economic scene. But a technical advance on Friday lifted the Dow-Jones Industrial average past the recent recovery high of 614, buying picked up in the afternoon dealings and nearly doubled the morning gains.

Whether this advance will be extended remains to be seen, but most of the Wall Street experts see tax selling continuing to bear heavily on those groups which are near the year-end. At the same time, however, they look for reinvestment of this cash to help the current popular favourites.

Overall, these experts say the usual year-end seems the best that can be hoped for. Cyclical securities are unlikely to participate in such a rally, but one broker said continued food action can be expected from amusement issues, convenience foods, discount chains, insurance firms, electric utilities, finance companies, savings and loans, meat packers, domestic oil refiners, gas transmission companies, publishers and car leasing firms.

#### SHORT INTEREST

Some traders base their hopes for a new upward push on the large short interest, and the persistent daily excesses of odd lot short sales over odd lot purchases, which are considered evidence of a strong internal market condition.

Some brokers attributed some of the Friday buying to the fact that it would spend \$2,500 million in 1951 on service improvements and expansion. A. T. & T. President Frederick Kappel termed it the "most tangible evidence we can offer of our confidence in the economic soundness of the economy."

The more bullish brokers were encouraged by the fact that the 1274 issues traded in Friday's rising market were the most since December 15, 1949 when 1,275 stocks were traded.

Sales this past week slipped slightly to 17,849,485 shares, or daily average of 3,569,507 shares, from 18,314,705 shares, or 3,662,957 shares per day the week before.

American Motors, which announced a trial "profit-sharing" programme of rebates to buyers of Rambler cars, was the most active stock on the week with sales of 256,700 shares. It closed at \$17 1/4, off 1 1/4 points on the week and hitting a new low for the year.

Standard Oil (New Jersey) was runner-up with sales of 233,800 shares, followed by Sperry Rand, Universal Oil Products and General Motors.

The Dow-Jones averages at the close on Friday showed 30 Industrials at 617.78 up 6.83 points from the previous week; 20 rails 127.80 up 0.09; 15 utilities 98.22 up 1.20; and 65 stocks 204.50 up 1.03.—UPI.

#### Groundnuts

Bombay, Dec. 18. The Bombay Oilseeds and Oil Exchange today fixed a ceiling of 220 rupees per 250 kilograms for hedge trading in groundnuts for the current season expiring at the end of August, 1951.

The Exchange also imposed a ceiling of 44 rupees per 50 kilograms on transferable specific delivery contracts in groundnuts.

An exchange spokesman said that these measures had been taken in consultation with the Forward Markets Commission in order to arrest the upward movement of groundnut prices, which the Mail Special.

## London eases at close

London, Dec. 18. Disappointment with Britain's external trade figures for November and a deteriorating balance of payments situation reversed a promising three-day rally this past week and produced the lowest level of business for two years on Friday.

The Financial Times Industrial Index was just above the 600 mark level, gaining 7.2 points on the week and ending at 600.6. The year's low, set in the previous week, was 593.4. The high point was 642.0.

Leading stocks gained. Courtaulds was up 1 shilling 3 pence to 43/3. Imperial Tobacco gained 1/6 to 63/-. And Bawtwin scored 2/- to 51/9. Ford, Dunlop and Imperial Chemical Industries all firmed. British Unilever ended unchanged with 10 1/2. Anglo-Siam and Vickers.

#### MOVE UP

Steels moved up on dividend announcements and November's record-breaking output. Stores regained some buoyancy. Shipbuilders broke into higher ground on improved freight rates.

Oil-linked features after losing a mid-week improvement. Gilt-edged lacked features and stayed quiet. War Loan 3 1/2 per cent lost 1/4 to close at £59 9/16.

Creek, German and Chinese bonds went up over the week. Dollar stocks made a mixed showing but the plus signs held the upper hand. U. S. Steel gained 1/4 points and Bethlehem 1/2 points but General Motors shed 1/4 point.

Gold was lower in a neglected market. De Beers rose more than 4/- on expectations of good annual diamond sales and reports of cooling in the stock. Copper moved narrowly but ended on high ground while tin staged an advance. Rubbers and teas were quiet with little change.—UPI.

## Bank of England statement

London, Dec. 18. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 14, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	£2,233,174,875
Public Deposits	13,877,251
Private Deposits	235,000,000
Government Securities	770,000,000
Other securities	40,770,817
Receipts	48,000,000
Ratio	102

#### Steel prediction

New York, Dec. 18. "Iron Age" predicts that January 1951 steel production may show the first increase since last June, steel makers being encouraged by a better order volume for the coming year. However, the magazine cautions that this cannot be considered symptomatic of a major recovery.—China Mail Special.

#### Unit trust

First Hongkong Fund: Buy Price: \$1.00, Sell Price: \$1.19.

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

## A new concept in field of refrigeration

Stockholm, Dec. 18. The Swedish Society of Refrigerating Engineers (Svenska Kyltekniska Foreningen) recently held a meeting in the Stockholm factory of AB Electrolux, which is one of the leading companies in the field of domestic refrigeration.

The subject of the meeting was thermo-electric cooling. In recent years this principle of generating cold has been attracting increasing interest in industrial circles and many of the big companies in the refrigeration business in Europe as well as in the U.S. are now carrying out considerable research work in this field.

Discoveries made in the beginning of the 19th century have now been put to use thanks to the availability today of well-equipped and modern laboratories. The first thermo-electric discovery was made in 1821 by the German physicist Seebeck, who believed that he could thereby explain the emergence of terrestrial magnetism.

In the year 1834 the French watchmaker Peltier found another thermo-electric effect. This, however, was the reversal of Seebeck's. None of them then realised the future possibilities of their discoveries. The advances made today are based on the functioning principle of the Peltier effect. If an electric current passes through two bars of different, suitably combined alloys, soldered together at both ends, cold will be generated at one joint and heat at the other.

It is only during the last few years that the real advances have been made, when it became possible to produce small, compact, reliable and efficient units which give relatively very high cooling effects.

#### DOMESTIC TYPE

The results achieved so far indicate that it is not too distant a future there is hope for an economically justified manufacture of domestic refrigerators operating on this principle. The thermo-electric elements, however, can be produced at the moment are not yet efficient enough for domestic refrigerators in the proper sense but will find use for certain special purposes.

The speakers were: Mr. H. Ullstrand, Chief Engineer, and the Professors Mr. M. Backstrom, Mr. P. Bergall and Mr. O. Beckman. These gentlemen are all connected with the Electrolux Group, which has been working on the development of thermo-electric cold generation for several years.



# Munich mourns for plane crash victims

Munich, Dec. 18. Munich city authorities have called for a halt to all public amusements in the city until Christmas as a mark of respect for the 49 victims of yesterday's crash of an American Air Force plane on to a crowded tram.

Black-ribbed flags were already flying at half-mast when the Mayor, Mr. Hans Vogel, told a Press conference he had asked the Bavarian Interior Minister to order the ban, which will halt the city's garish nightlife.

Dancing in public places will be prohibited, there will be no striptease at nightclubs, and cinemas and theatres will be required to put on programmes appropriate to the city's mourning. One theatre has already cancelled a comedy programme.

## Medical teams

Cardinal Josef Wendel of Munich today ordered special masses for the dead in all the city's Catholic churches. On Tuesday, the day of a mass joint open-air memorial service, the city will observe one minute's silence and all traffic will stop.

American investigators and medical teams arrived today in the once-gay Bavarian capital to find out what happened in the four minutes after the plane took off with a laughing crowd of American students and before it crashed on a street busy with Christmas shoppers and burst into flames.

Twenty-nine Germans and 20 Americans died in the inferno. In the plane were 12 teenage students from a college for American servicemen's dependents in Munich, with seven crew and a young American military policeman who was "hitchhiking" a lift. They were all going to Britain for Christmas.

Hospital authorities said this afternoon that 17 victims were still receiving treatment, and nine badly-burned patients were on the danger list.

Twenty patients had already been released and dozens more who had received slight injuries were not recorded by the hospital. "It is impossible to say how many there were," a spokesman said.

## Brushed church

A U.S. Air Force spokesman said today it was reasonably well established that the plane's pilot had notified Munich Control Tower that he had engine trouble and would return to the airfield.

But before the Conval transport could land, it brushed against one of the 280-foot towers of St Paul's Church in the heart of Munich.

Plunging into the street, it set fire to the tram, a number of cars and a building where tyres were stored.

A policeman on duty nearby said he heard "one terrible

scram" from the rear half of the two-car tram as the plane exploded in a sheet of flame 130 feet high.

Nobody escaped from the second car, though some passengers did from the first, running across the street with their clothes on fire.

The priest of St Paul's Church, Father Karl Froehlich, said he heard "a frightful explosion... I ran outside and

saw a fragment of an aircraft hanging from the church roof."

Soon afterwards he was giving the last rites to charred bodies as they lay in the street. Salvage work went on all night in the sealed-off street by the light of searchlights, and the charred shell of the second tramcar was taken bodily to a Munich cemetery with burned corpses still inside it.—Reuter.

## 2,000 protest against 'Polaris' base

Glasgow, Dec. 18. Two thousand people at a public meeting here today unanimously approved a resolution protesting against the proposal to set up a United States Polaris submarine base at Holy Loch, in the Clyde estuary.

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Some of them are believed to be still held in prisons somewhere in the country.

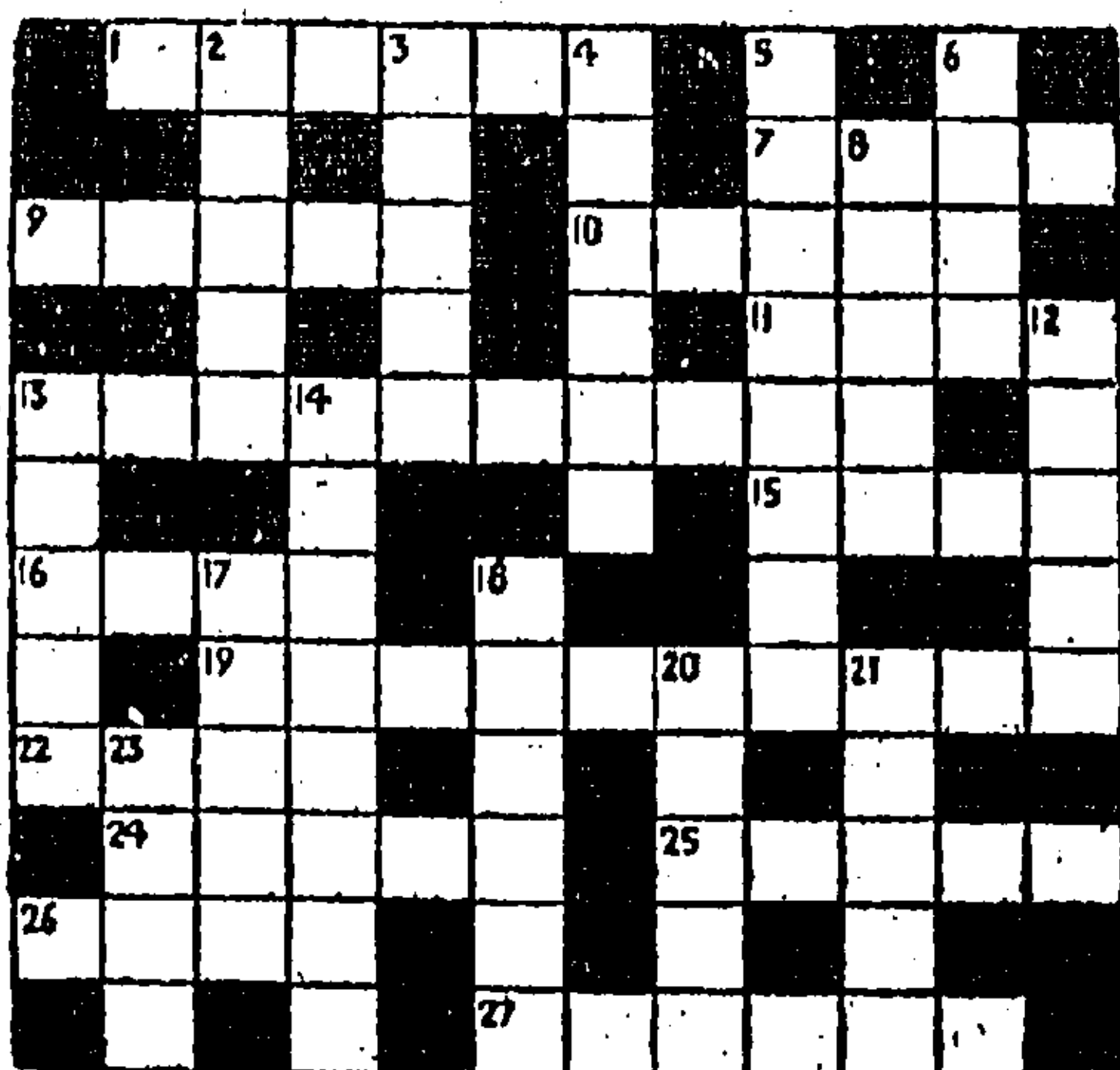
(In July 1951, eight men were sentenced to death for plotting to assassinate the Emperor and to set up an Ethiopian republic. The eight included Bitwoded Negash, formerly President of Parliament and a Minister of State to the Prime Minister's office.)

The Emperor flew into Addis Ababa last night from Asmara, Eritrea Province, after forces loyal to him had defeated the rebels in 36 hours of fighting. The Emperor was accompanied by plane-loads of soldiers, and immediately took control of the situation.

The Emperor was met at Addis Ababa airport by Crown Prince Asfa Wossen. Even as the Emperor returned to his palace, there were reports of some "mopping up" operations against some rebels in the northern part of the city.

Some leaders of the revolt were said to have fled in Dakota aircraft to outlying regions of the country in an attempt to reach the Somali border to go into hiding.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Bad spots. (6)
- 7 Heavily placed. (4)
- 9 Composer of "Goodbye." (5)
- 10 Does physical harm. (5)
- 11 Potty! (4)
- 13 Laundering necessities once. (10)
- 15 Chicken's dinner. (4)
- 16 Get up on the hind legs. (4)
- 19 Aerobats work over them. (6, 4)
- 22 Make dirty. (4)
- 24 Snake always on the increase? (5)
- 25 Feathered mammal (5)
- 26 Fox or rabbit. (4)
- 27 Cultivator? (5)

### DOWN

- 2 Hurries to mail. (5)
- 3 Get up them stairs! (5)
- 4 Boy, a vessel of the (5)
- 5 His buff is amusing. (8)
- 6 Vision impediment. (4)
- 8 Succeed in entertaining. (5)
- 12 Exchanges for cash. (5)
- 13 Merchandise. (5)
- 14 Coats of arms and all that. (6)
- 17 On the shelf? (5)
- 18 The best to search out. (6)
- 20 Lift up your voice! (5)
- 21 Pull up with success. (5)
- 23 They may catch crabs. (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Ballot, 4 Idyll, 7 Landed, 8 Ulling, 10 Roof, 12 Pirates, 15 Niger, 16 Sans, 17 Reed, 19 Newton, 20 Garden, 21 Fiat, 23 Snail, 24 Baffle, 25 Adage, 26 Pellet, Down: 1 Bull-ring, 2 Lendover, 3 Over, 5 Distaste, 6 Linden, 9 Hires, 11 Fiddling, 12 Penny, 13 Tasteless, 14 Bediment, 19 Earned, 23 Cape.

## Insulted Franco: 10 years

Madrid, Dec. 18. A court martial here has sentenced a policeman to 10 years and one day in prison on a charge of having insulted the head of state, General Franco, and Interior Minister, General Camillo Alonso Vega. Spain's national uniformed police corps (Policia Armada) was accused of having stalked at the entrance to his company's barracks here.

"Long live Russia. Death to Franco. Death to the Minister of the Interior who has expelled Communist corporals from the police. Long live Marxism."

In his defence Garcia said he was upset by financial worries.—Reuter.

## New airliner put on service ahead of time

London, Dec. 19. Paris-bound travellers have received a sneak preview of Britain's new Penny-Farthing airliner, the Vickers Vanguard, which is claimed to have the cheapest running costs of any modern passenger aircraft in service.

The Penny-Farthing, so called because it is expected to cost one penny-farthing sterling per mile to run with a full load, was not due to come into regular service until March 1.

But British European Airways has put the new airliner

on the Paris run to help with the pre-Christmas rush. Capable of carrying 114 passengers, the aircraft will also be used as a "holiday help" on flights to Glasgow, Geneva, Dusseldorf and Zurich in the next two weeks.—China Mail Special.

## HK yacht reaches Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 18. Two army officers and a Royal Navy radio mechanic, who sailed early this month in a 22-ft steel yacht from Hong-kong for Britain, arrived here this afternoon.

The trio are Captain J. O. C. Alexander, of 240 (Gurkha) Signal Squadron, Hongkong.

2nd Lieut R. French, of 46 (Talavera) Battery, Hongkong, and R. H. Bury, of HMS Tamar, also of Hongkong.

But only two of them would make the rest of the voyage. They would be joined here by Lieut A. D. Corbhill, one of the original planners of the venture, who replaces Lieut

French due to visit Australia on leave this week. The yacht, *Goddess of the Sea*, which in Gurkha means "Goddess of the Sea"—was built in Holland in 1939 and modified in Hongkong for the 10,000 miles trip. It arrived with a statue of Tinian, the Chinese "Sea Goddess" put there to ensure a safe voyage for all.—Reuter.

## GIFTS IN FASHION

- Shiapparelli Slippers — Chic black velvet with dashing gold flower ..... \$ 37.50
- Black silk mules — at ..... \$ 27.50
- Pure silk scarves from Switzerland ..... \$ 19.50
- An Italian 18 ct. gold bracelet — at ..... \$650.00
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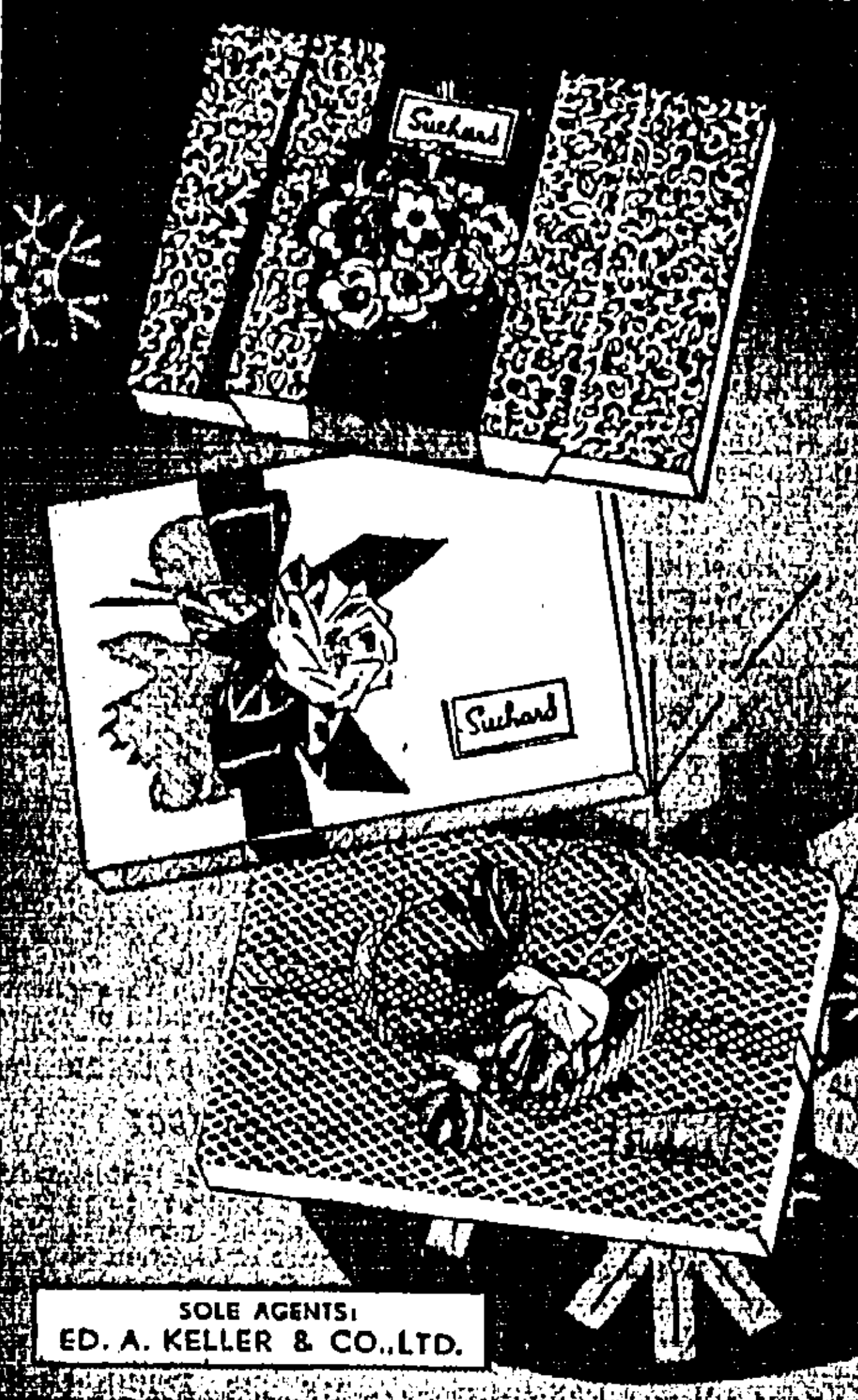


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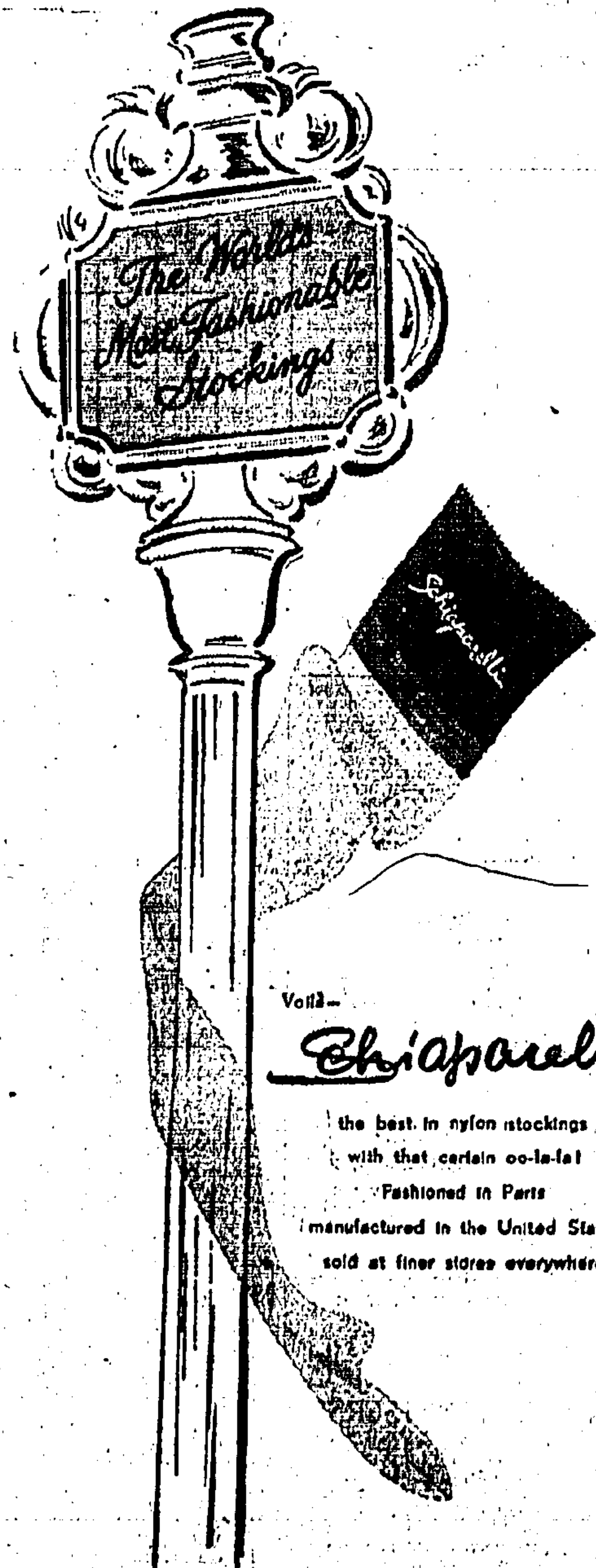
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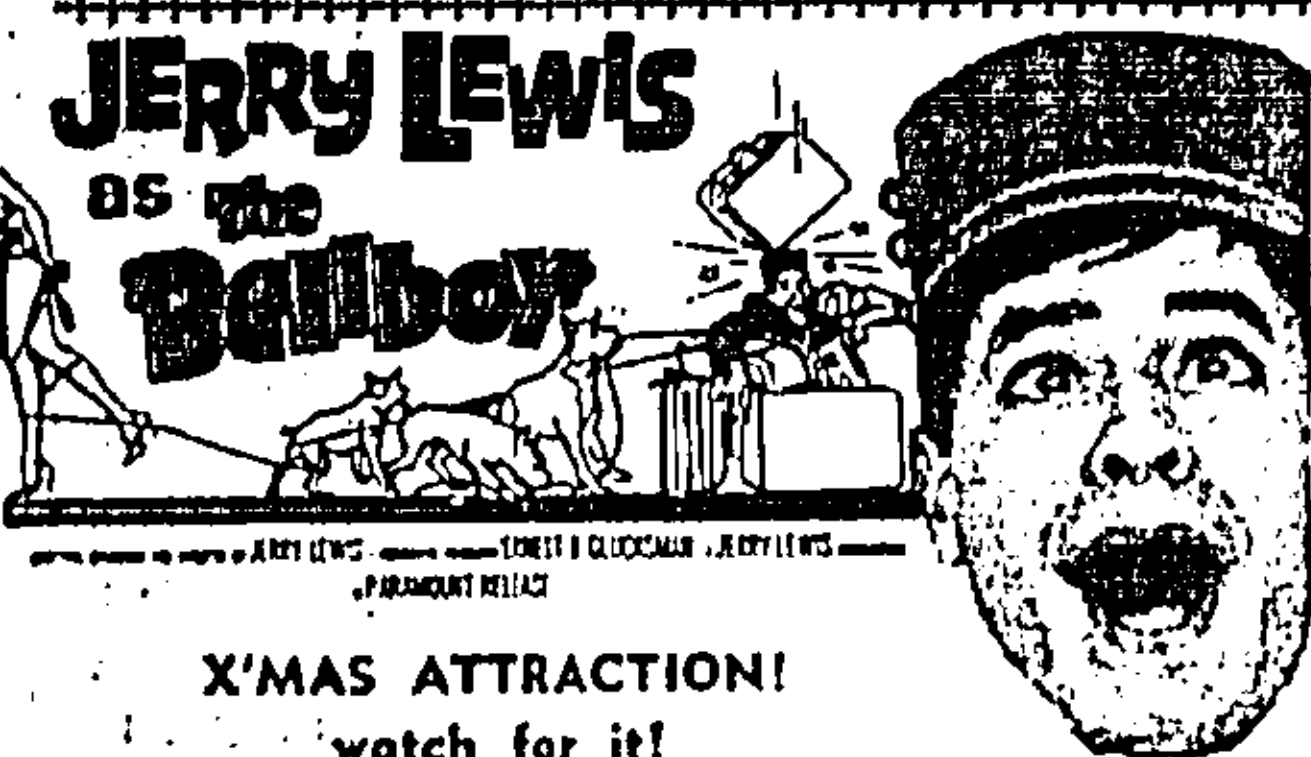
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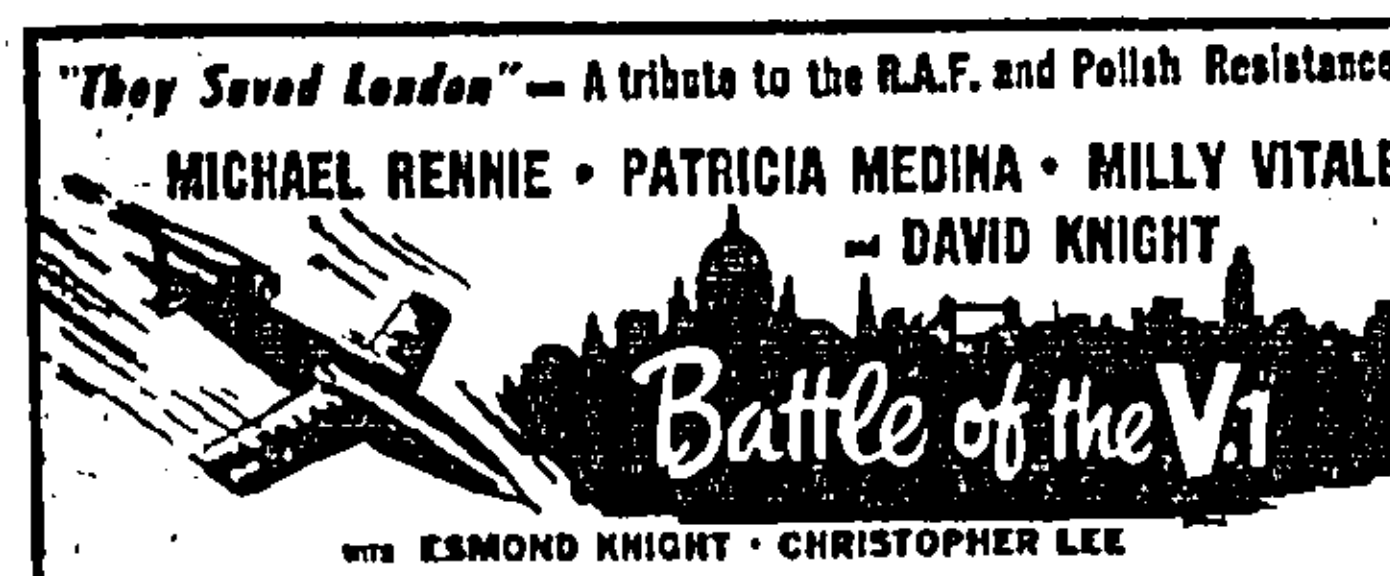
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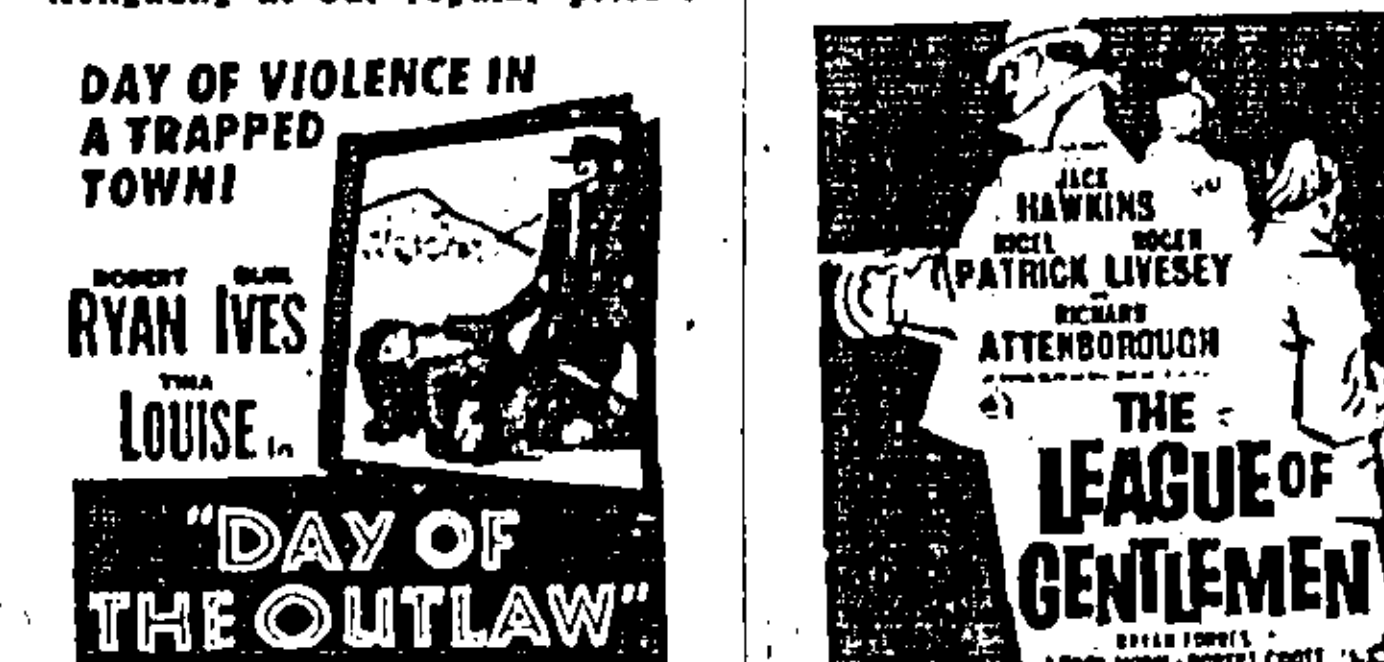
Floods and landslides killed 12 persons on Sunday  
in the foothills of the Italian alps.SINGER  
RELEASED  
FROM CUBAHavana, Dec. 18.  
American singer-comedian  
Naomi Stevens left Cuba Satur-  
day night after an eight-month  
detention that started over a com-  
puter 20 peso (20 dollars) bill.The 33-year-old New York  
city blonde came here last April.  
She was arrested for passing the  
bill, which she claimed she re-  
ceived as change.After her arrest she was  
freed in 10,000 dollars bail. Cir-  
cumstances of her release were  
not made public.—AP.The northwest corner of  
Italy suffered extensive damage  
from three days of uninter-  
rupted rain. The rain was con-  
tinuing. Several rivers over-  
flowed, flooding farms and  
isolating villages. Torrents of  
mud and rock rolled down  
from mountainsides.A landslide smashed without  
warning upon 11 houses in the  
sleeping village of Pramollo,  
30 miles west of Turin in the  
Chivasso valley near the Italian-  
French border. Nine persons,  
including seven in one family  
were killed.Three persons were swept to  
death in swollen rivers.  
The village of Casalegrasso,  
south of Turin near Cuneo, was  
under three feet of water after  
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IT IS NOT IN  
ATOMIC RACE

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Israeli Embassy on Sunday denied a published  
report that Israel plans to produce an atomic  
bomb of its own.Kennedy  
rents  
country home

Palm Beach, Dec. 18.

U.S. President-elect John F.  
Kennedy is getting his  
home and real estate  
problems ironed out and  
has completed a lease  
agreement for "Gloria,"  
a 600-acre home in the  
Virginia hunt country.Kennedy's press secretary  
Pierre Salinger confirmed on  
Sunday that the deal for  
Gloria has been signed.It has been known for some  
time that Kennedy was planning  
to lease the French-style built  
stucco home with stables and  
swimming pool about 60 miles  
from the capital, near Middle-  
burg, Virginia.Salinger said, though, that  
the President-elect and his  
family will not be able to use it  
until late spring or early  
summer.The main move ahead will  
be into the White House at 1600  
Pennsylvania Avenue after  
January 20.There will have to be some  
redecorations and changes there  
as well to accommodate the new  
Kennedy family, John Jr., and  
three-year-old Caroline Ken-  
nedy.—AP.Israel "has neither the prac-  
tical means nor the desire to use  
her atomic research for other  
than peaceful uses," an Embassy  
spokesman said.His statement obviously re-  
ferred to an article in Sunday's  
Washington Post which said  
that Israel has secretly de-  
veloped a nuclear reactor and  
might produce a nuclear  
weapon in about five years.The Washington Post story  
said members of the Senate-  
House Atomic Energy Com-  
mittee were briefed at a  
secret conference on Dec. 9 about  
Israel's ambitions to become  
the fifth nuclear power. They  
were told about this new de-  
velopment by State Department  
and Central Intelligence Agen-  
cy officials, the paper said.State Department officials  
refused immediate comment.—  
AP.27 sent to  
prison

Havana, Dec. 18.

A military tribunal at the La  
Cubana Fortress Saturday met  
and sentenced three to twenty  
years imprisonment for 27 per-  
sons accused of conspiring  
against the government. Three  
others were acquitted.The prosecution accused the  
defendants of possessing arms  
and ammunition and 130 pounds  
of dynamite when arrested at a  
meeting.—AP.'People are people'  
MINISTER TO  
WED NEGRESS

Cheshire, Dec. 18.

An English Unitarian minister will become on Christmas  
Eve probably the first English clergyman to marry  
a negress, it was disclosed here today.The minister, Glyn Preece,  
aged 31, is to marry Miss Edna  
Wilson, 27, a former nurse in  
the USAF, from Wilmington,  
Delaware, at his chapel.Mr Preece said tonight: "I  
think I am probably the first  
English clergyman to marry a  
negress, although I have heard  
that an Anglican missionary  
married an African girl and  
later they returned to live in  
England.""But to me, all people are  
people. Edna and I are just two  
of these people—very much in  
love."QUEEN'S  
STAFF  
GET  
GIFTS

London, Dec. 19.

The Queen yesterday distri-  
buted Christmas presents  
to members of the staff at  
Windsor Castle.There was a present for  
everyone ranging from savings  
certificates to items for the  
home.The Prince of Wales returned  
home yesterday for the Christ-  
mas holidays.He was driven from Cheam,  
his preparatory school, near  
Newbury, Berkshire to Windsor  
Castle in time for tea.With other members of the  
Royal Family, he will be  
travelling to Sandringham on  
Thursday for the traditional  
family house party there over  
Christmas and the New Year.  
—Reuter.GIFT  
WAS  
RADIO  
ACTIVE

Nottingham, Dec. 18.

A laboratory here today con-  
firmed that Santa Claus  
had presented a child with a  
radio-active toy but told  
the worried father there  
was no cause for concern.The gift, a plastic toy carry-  
cot, had been given at a Christ-  
mas party to the daughter of  
Mr Douglas Heaps, of nearby  
Carlton.Because it was luminous in  
the dark, Mr Heaps rushed the  
cot to the physics laboratory of  
Nottingham General Hospital.The laboratory reported that  
the top was radio-active, but  
any child could play with it  
safely.Mr Heaps commented tonight:  
"I'm sorry for all the trouble.  
But you can't be too careful."  
—Reuter.Christmas  
airlift

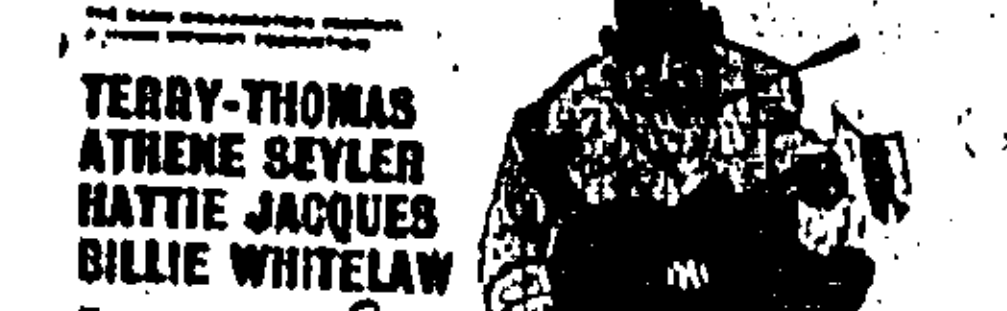
London, Dec. 18.

Britain's two major airlines  
will act as "mother" to  
nearly 3,000 children  
during the next few days,  
airline officials said today.The children are flying out  
from schools in Britain to spend  
Christmas with their parents  
overseas.Africa and the Middle East  
are the destinations of most of  
the 1,500 children being carried  
by British Overseas Airways  
Corporation. Others are going  
to America and the Far East.  
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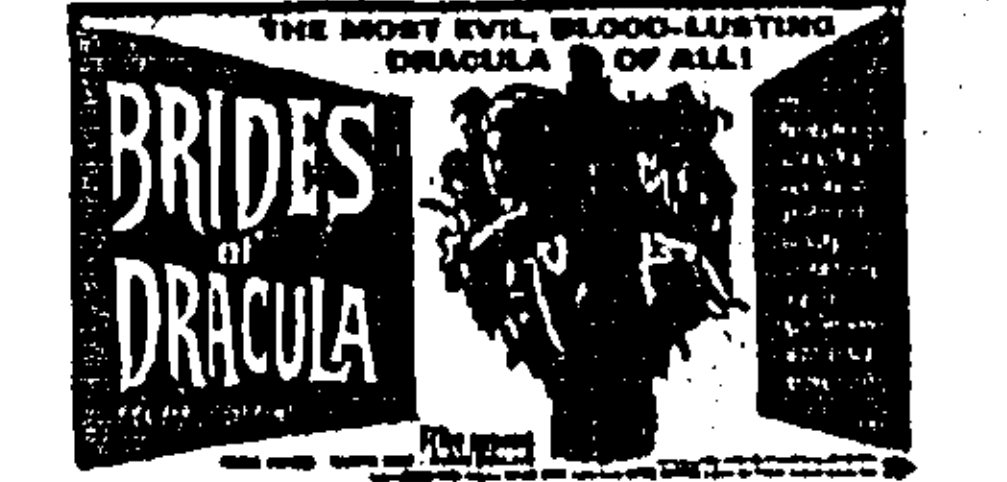
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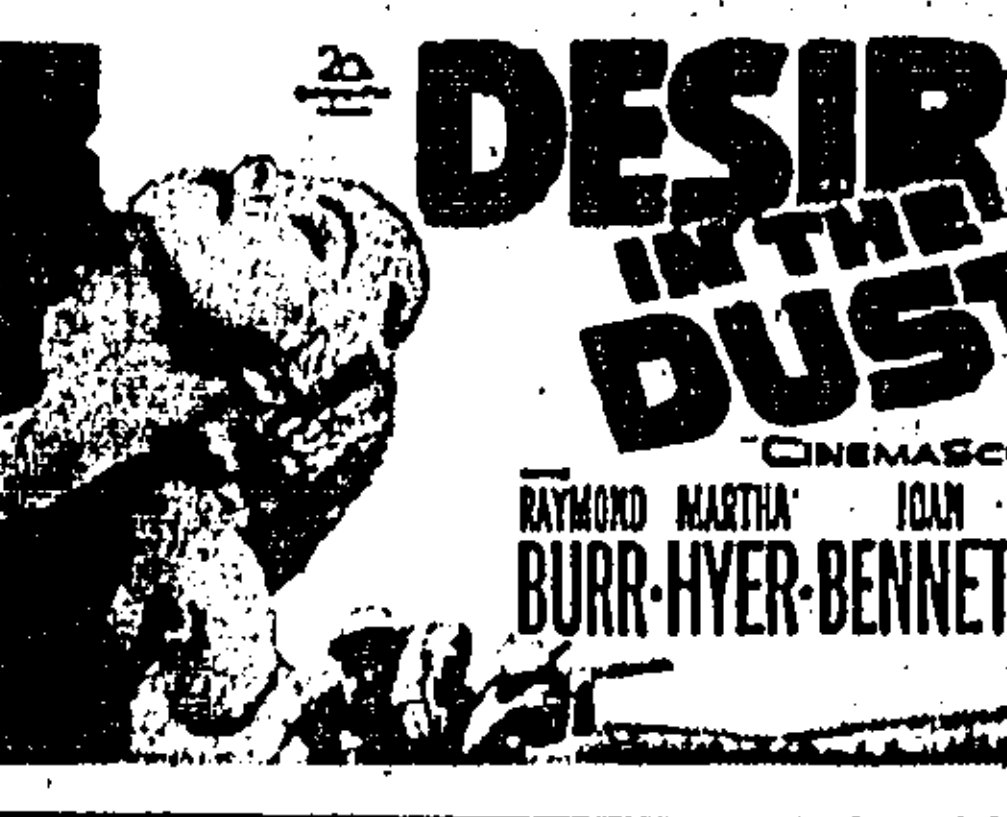
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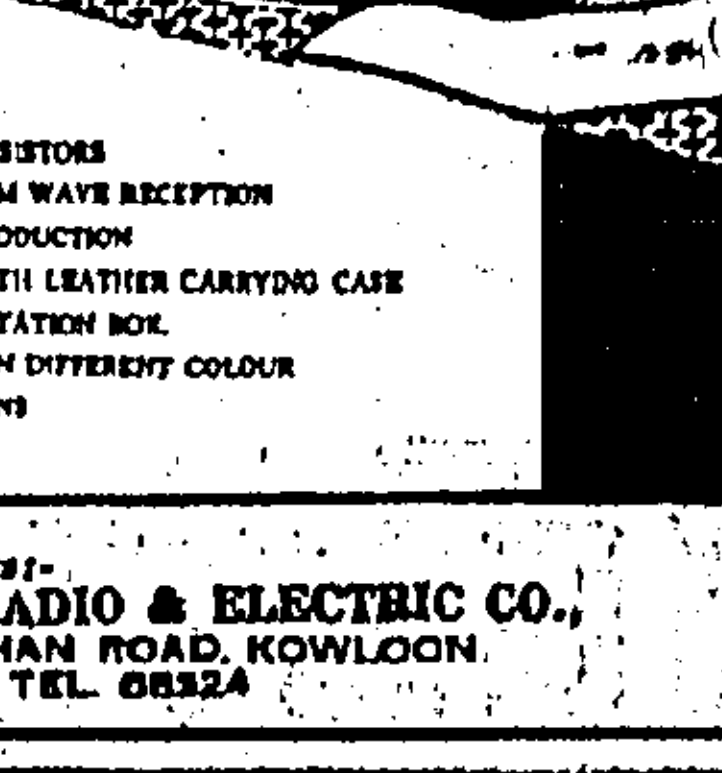
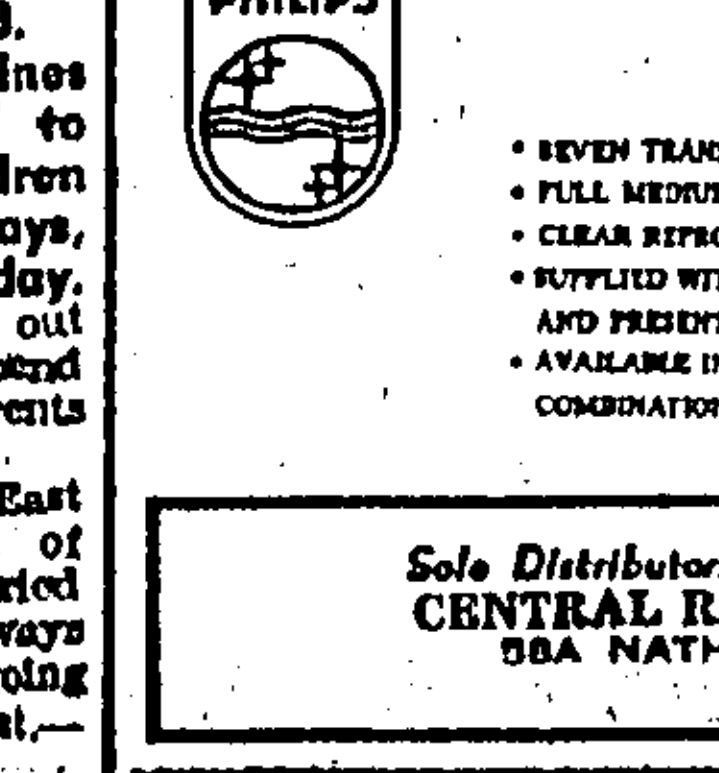
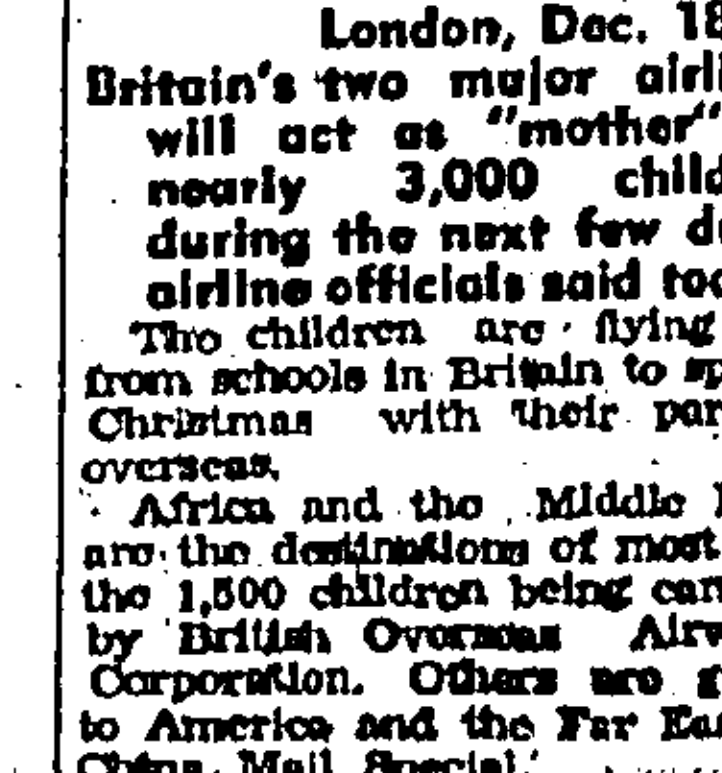
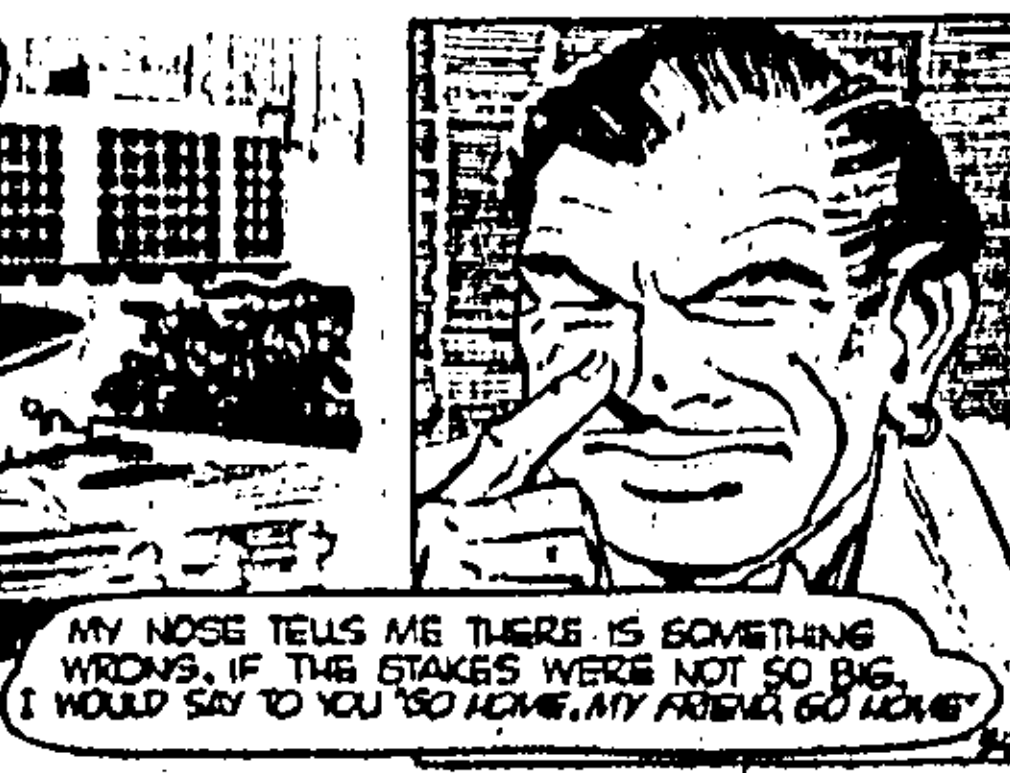
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# Blue lights for fire engines?

THEY WOULD  
BE EASIER  
TO SEE

**VIVID** blue, flashing lights may be installed shortly on all Britain's fire engines, police cars and ambulances.

New regulations, to improve the warning signals on priority vehicles, are now being drafted by the Ministry of Transport.

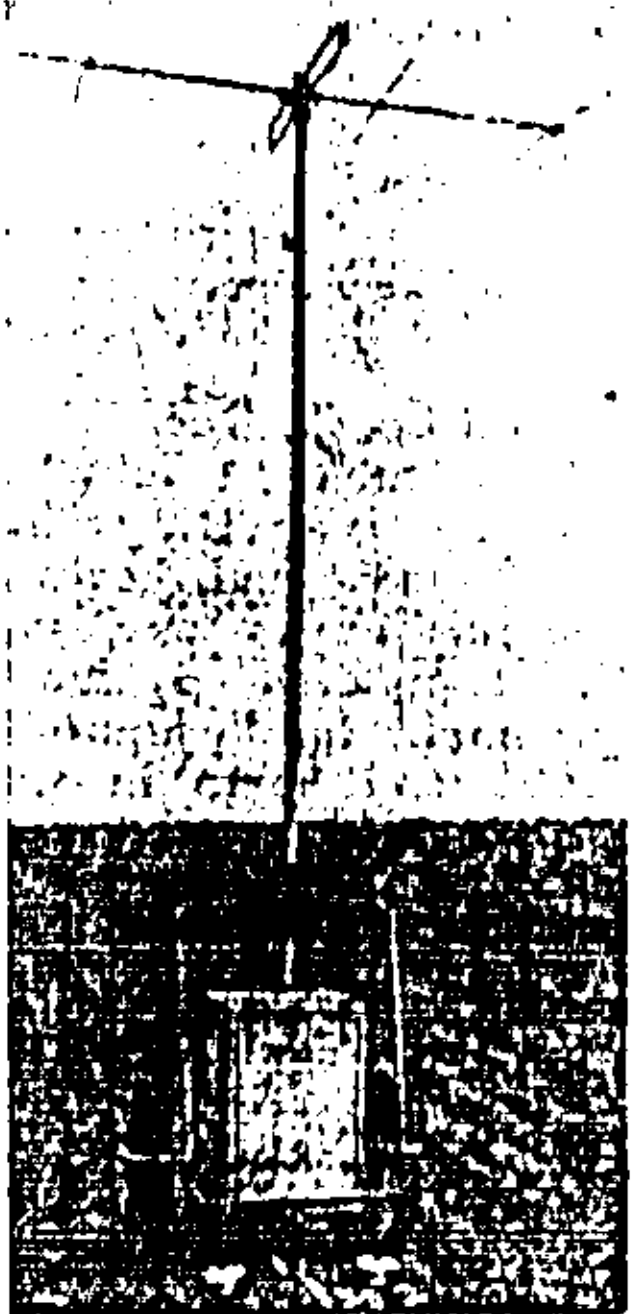
Blue will almost certainly be the colour adopted. Why not amber? There is too much of it on the roads today. The present maximum of a seven-watt bulb will be raised to 48—so blue lights will still show clearly.

The warning bells on fire ap-



**A RUNAWAY?** No, a radio-controlled tractor, towing a four-furrow plough now in use on a State farm in Russia. Six of them have come off the production line so far. They carry built-in sensing devices to follow automatically the line of the previous furrow.

Two systems of remote control are being tried. In one the robot is controlled from the cab of a manned tractor and works in parallel. In the other two men with radio sets sit at opposite ends of the field and work four tractors. Automation on the farm was originally the idea of a tractor-driver named Loginov. Any British tractor drivers with similar ideas?



And here (above) is a radio-controlled seeder which can be used either for sowing or depositing of fertiliser.

## THE WORLD OF SCIENCE by Peter Fairley

planets may also be changed, or amplified, soon.

### Noise tests

Tests at the Fire Research Station and Road Research Laboratory to find the most effective alarm have just ended. The results are now before the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council and Home Office experts.

The scientists tried out sirens, klaxons, two-tone horns and bells against a noisy background typical of a lorry-driver's cab. They found that what mattered was the LOUDNESS of the alarm.

From this point of view, the two-tone horn—widely used on the Continent—was best.

But many people would oppose a change from the traditional bell. And there are already two-tone horns in use on some cars.

So the final answer may be to amplify a recording of fire-bells, rather than using ice-cream merchants' signals, their customers with a tune.

### Gourmets in space

THE popular idea that to save space and prevent spillage an astronaut's food will consist entirely of tasteless, vitamin-packed mudges which can be squeezed from a tube is not shared by dieticians working on America's man-in-space programme.

They believe that tasty, hot food will be vital to morale. They are designing a cooker weighing only 5lb. And are drawing up menus based on canned, dehydrated and instant foods. Typical day's ration is: Porridge, laced with cinnamon and sugar, coffee and bread for breakfast; turkey and beef sandwiches, or spaghetti, for lunch; chunks of veno, mashed potatoes or rice, and buttered vegetables for dinner. Fruit and sweets after every meal.

Immediately before take-off, they suggest, the astronaut should eat a high carbohydrate, high protein and low fat meal to increase tolerance of altitude. Suggested menu: orange sherbet, frozen strawberries, sweet biscuits.

Anyone for Mars?

### Enter the Scout

ANY minute now, America will launch a new form of satellite—a balloon with a rash of paint-spots. Its task will be

simply to measure the density of the upper atmosphere.

But the event will be of particular interest to Britain because the satellite is the first to be launched by Scout, the rocket which will lift three British satellites next year.

Density of very thin air can be worked out by measuring its drag on the balloon. It will swing between 370 and 2,000 miles up. A small radio beacon inside will enable trackers across the world to plot its course and speed.

### In miniature

Why the spots? They are to reflect some of the sun's heat, and maintain an even temperature inside the balloon. They will cover some 20 per cent of its surface.

The satellite—measuring 12ft. across—will be a miniature version of Echo, the 100ft. aluminium envelope still whirling in space. Thousands of people in Britain have seen Echo glowing like the brightest star in the sky. They may spot the "baby" too.

But Echo has partially deflated. So the new balloon will be made of layers of plastic and aluminium four times as thick.

### Arsenic in wine

A disturbing report about pollution of wine comes from Dr Hans Eschmayer, of the Uni-

versity of Mainz. He has been analysing Moselles, Burgundies and Bordeaux. In some he found traces of arsenic, copper and boron.

These, he concluded, probably came from fertilisers and chemical sprays used at the vineyards. The quantities were small but still enough to affect taste and bouquet.

Artificial aids of this kind have gone much for British agriculture. But it would be a pity if they were allowed to become commonplace in vineyards, where wine has flowed satisfactorily for centuries and where distinctions of flavour are so subtle.

# LIFE ON H.P.

IT was wet and cold with all the proper melancholy of an English winter—but 18-year-old Marga had no fire.

"I try not to have a fire," she says with the same light abnegation as other women who try not to take sugar in their tea.

Nor had she eaten much. "Snacks," she says—and "snacks" turn out to be one meat pie.

## Baby first

"I don't mind so long as she's all right," she says and baby Debbie (after Debbie Reynolds) sits on her mother's knee. In six-month-old unwariness of the fact that her plump well-being must come first.

It seems querulous and spell-breaking to point out that she, Marga, might fall ill through cold and under-nourishment. Mother-love and optimism are powerful magic in the room, and in superstitious sympathy one crosses one's fingers and says nothing to harm the sun of hope.

## Fairy-tale

For this is a fairy-tale and to prove it—Marga is happy.

All around her are the bright gifts that a fairy godmother called "Hiro Purchase" brought.

Some of them practical—like the new three-piece suite without which no British family can be founded it seems.

And others a shock to the practical intelligence of an outsider who does not understand that the fairy godmother called "Hiro Purchase" can plant temptation in young love's way.

Like the cocktail cabinet that cost "about £80 or something—I wouldn't know."

It sits against the wall like a mighty Wurlitzer, glittering with glassware and pot ornaments that Marga and her soldier husband, David, won in fairgrounds "when we were courting." It lights up when the lid is lowered (to reveal rows of cocktail sticks but only a bottle of tonic and a neat empty bottle of whisky) in terms of a possession—it is a knockout.

## 'There it was'

"I just came home one day and here it was. I nearly killed my husband. That was when I was pregnant and I said we wanted a cat more than that."

Another lapse was the £25 encyclopaedia, "a chap came round and we bought it."

But she looks at it all proudly now. The bedroom suite with its dressing-table and two wardrobes. The kitchen cabinet (food contents, a few packets, bottles and one egg). The shelves her husband made, filled with dozens of small ornaments in what seems to have been astronomical success at the coconut shies.

"Only £78 to go. It's not so bad," says Marga of living happily ever after on the instalment plan.

Out of the £7 10s. she gets a week from her husband and Army allowances, she pays £2 10s. rent.

## Victorian

They have a two-roomed flat (no bathroom, share lavatory with three other families) at the top of one of those tall, red-brick Victorian houses that make Kilburn an area of gloom and decay. "Everyone says we're dead lucky to have found it. There were loads of people after it."

Twenty seven shillings a week goes on hire-purchase repayment.

"I have £2 a week left over for food by the time I've paid hire purchase and the gas and shillings for the gas meter," says Marga. "My husband comes home from Westminster every fortnight and I have to rush round borrowing for his food. I don't eat much when I'm on my own."

Yes, hire purchase was a problem. But she hadn't let the instalments fall behind. Except for the weeks when she had to pay the electricity and the gas. "When my husband was called into the Army he went to see the shop where we got all the furniture and asked if he could pay it off more slowly like. But they said it wasn't their fault if he had been called up."

"He worked at the London Electricity Board before and got quite a good wage and we thought perhaps he wouldn't be called up, but he was. Our friends told us to pay them only 6d. a week on the HP, just so long as they got something. But I couldn't do that."

Marga had entered a commitment and she didn't want to spoil her shining new married life with debts and unkept promises.

"He won't be out until March 3, 1962. Two more Christmas!" she says. "I can't send anyone a Christmas present this year. I aren't half choked. And

ANNE SHARPLEY talks to one of 1960's proud possessors



MARGA, baby Debbie—and that £80 cocktail cabinet.

## In pictures

He was two inches shorter than she was, but all the girls fancied him, she said.

It was not easy to form a picture of David from these words but they were obviously the two points she thought most worth communicating.

These were their wedding pictures. She, sweet and fair, had taken her glasses off for just one day of glamour. He had his dark hair brushed to unparallelled smoothness. And out of those wedding pictures—this consequence. The two-roomed flat, baby Debbie—and more babies to follow: "You can't just have one, can you?"

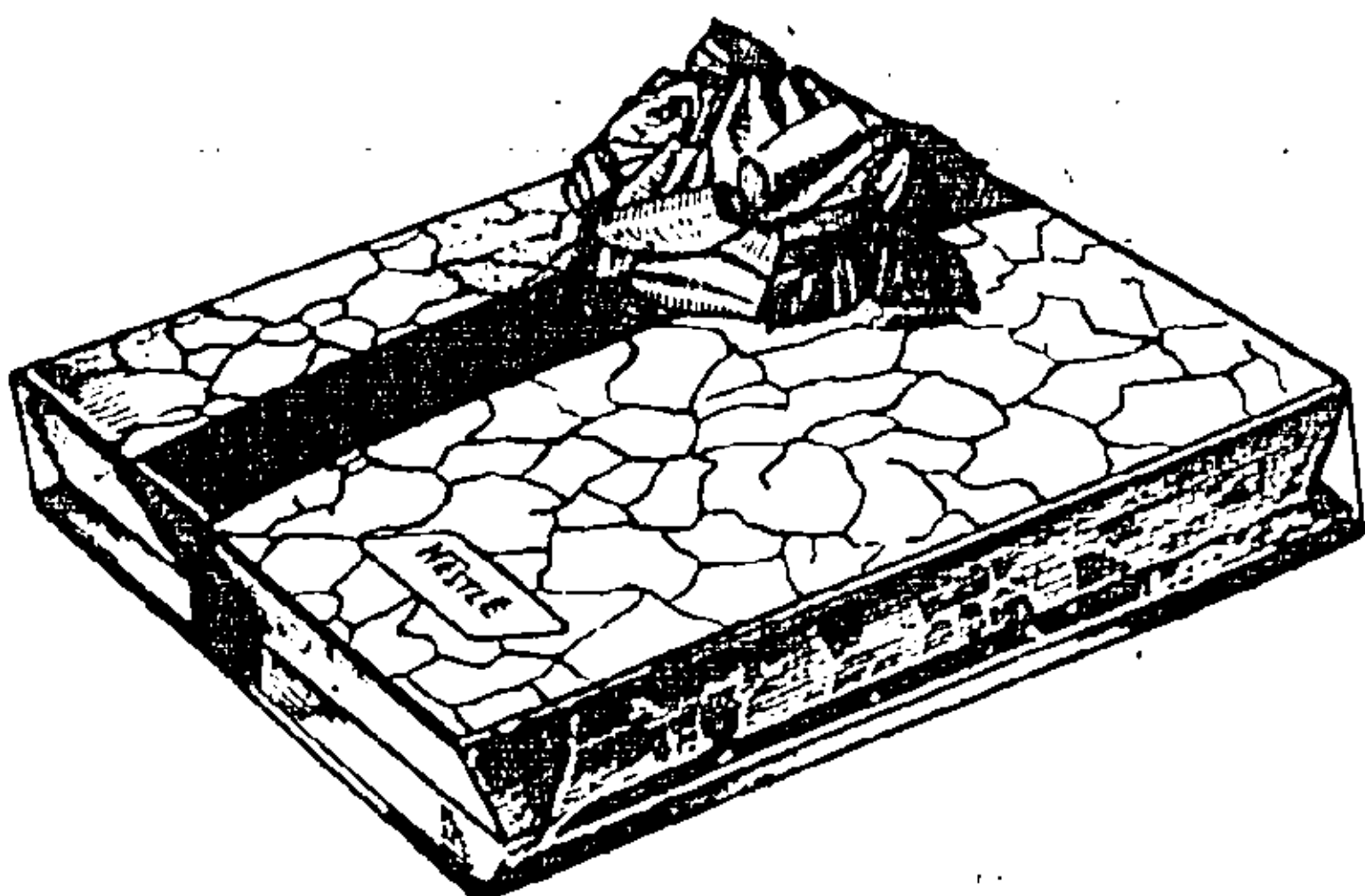
She gives a sudden illuminating picture of her honeymoon. "It was the hottest week the summer before last. We went to Southend and David loves lying on the beach. He can lie there all day—but I can't. So I just used to get up and go and walk around by myself."

There is no questioning, no irony in her nature. She spends lonely cold days in her two-roomed flat now. But she thinks she is lucky. Everything is all right and it's going to get better.

"Once I get that £78 paid off I shall have 27 shillings more to spend on food," she says in modest happy hope.

—(London Express Service).

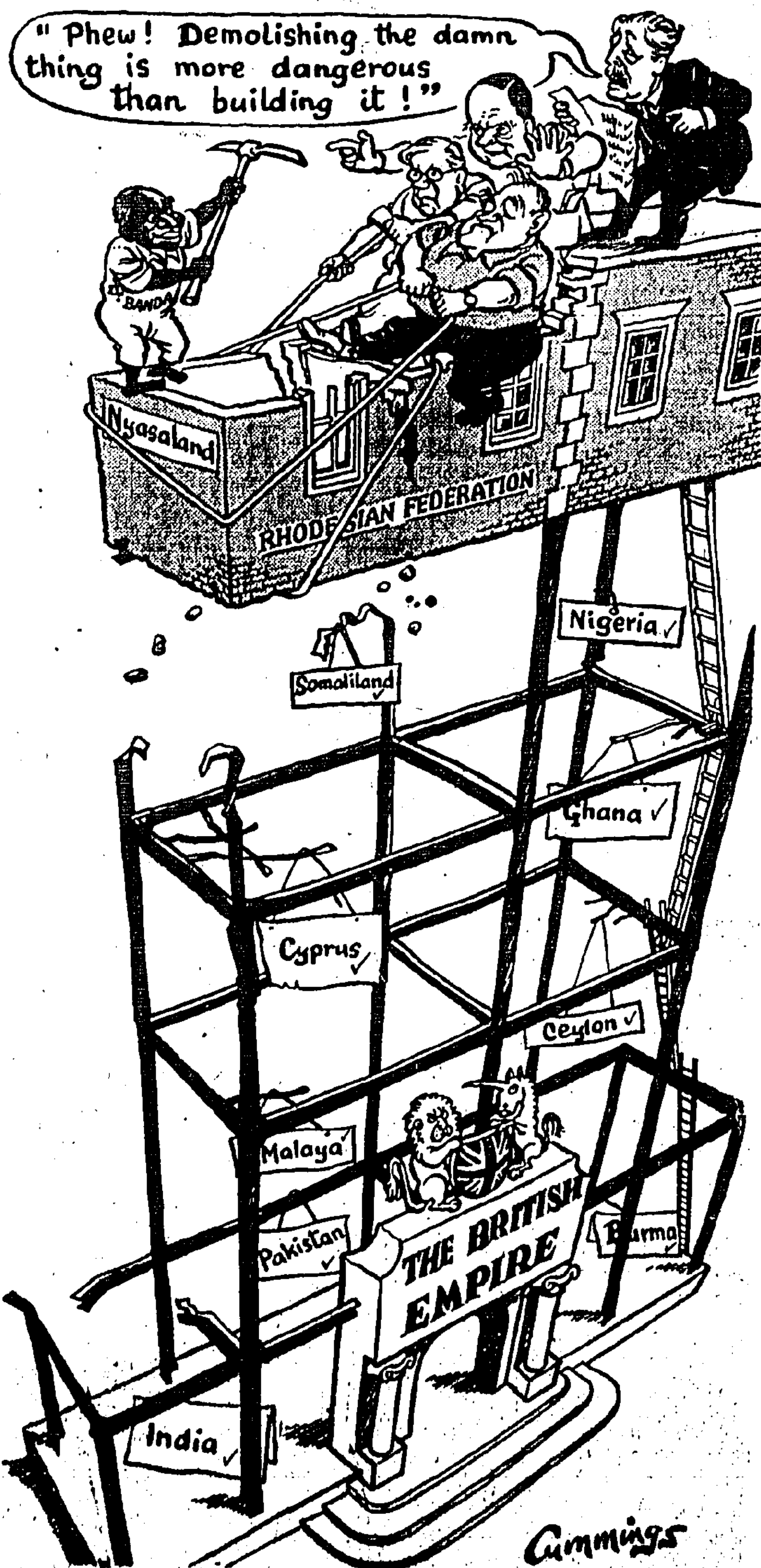
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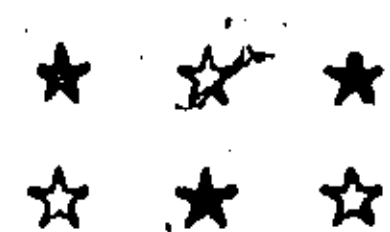


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# WOMANSENSE



## FASHION NEWS by Barbara Griggs

As clothes get more serious,  
here's a bit of nonsense  
I see going a long way...

I PRESENT today a fashion that's likely to rank as the Oddest of the Decade—with nine years still to go.

It's the Culotte Dress: Its top cut like a dress, its skirt cut like a pair of Bermuda shorts, and, like it or not, I believe it has a long fashion future ahead of it.

Balenciaga and Givenchy produced the first Culotte dresses over a year ago—surprise evening creations in gorgeous silks of which the flowing skirts were revealed, when the model moved, to be trousers after all.

Their lead was followed last season by several other couturiers; and the Americans have now taken it up in a big way, producing highly elaborate versions for cocktail, stunning sporty ones for the current favourite sport of bowling, and beautiful tweedy ones for the country.

The Culotte Dress has now arrived over here: the one in the picture was made up by one enterprising wholesale designer. And in the scintillating display of designs put on recently as a

celebration party for the new liner Oriana, by their namesake future firm of Oriana, an enterprising young designer called Ezzard Novill showed HIS version of the Culotte Dress: plain sleeveless top in deep blue, ankle-length wide trousers in deep blue, purple, and white print, with a swinging matched stole.

### Spirited

No fashion can be explained every inch of the way by claims that it is practical, however earnestly one tries: the long skirts of the New Look, for instance, were an affront to prevailing austerity conditions; and though a divided skirt may make sense for country rambles when you're scrambling over five-barred gates, such justifications fall to the ground at a cocktail party where no such hazards normally present themselves.

I see it, on the contrary, as a

piece of spirited nonsense in an age when, if fashion can be criticised, it is on the grounds that it has become almost too rare and sober, too simplified and sensible—a state of affairs in which Schiaparelli, the great iconoclast, would have found herself completely at sea, and Jacques Fath, the great fataliste, a most determined rebel.

One may also, perhaps, read into the Culotte Dress another significance: for years now women have been systematically robbing the men of almost every item in their wardrobes, from shirts outward. The Culotte Dress represents an attempt to feminise at least one such take-over.

It has, finally, one additional charm: it is long since any feminine fashion launched roused any controversy whatever. I sometimes sigh for those stirring times when any new edict of Paris was damned at sight by almost every man one knew. This seems likely to arouse at least a murmur of those days.

Well, do YOU like it?

(London Express Service).

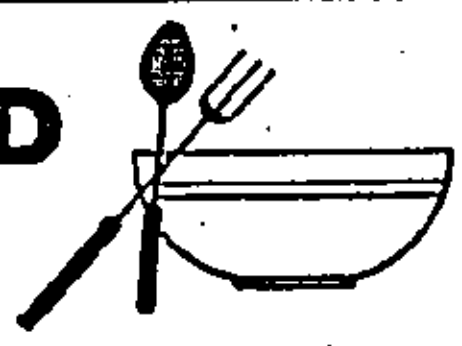
FASHION taken in its stride; the revolutionary Culotte Dress, here for the first time to leave its mark on the '60s. This version: Sleeveless, belted, made in a midnight blue brocade starred with gold. Made by London Town.



PICTURE BY JOHN COLE



## HOUSEHOLD HINTS



If soup is too salty cut a raw potato up and boil with the soup for a few minutes.

The greener the leaf in a leafy salad, the greater its nutritive value.

To clean leather-covered furniture, beat together the

white of an egg and some vinegar. Wipe all dust from the furniture and apply the mixture. Polish with a soft cloth.

Keep a mending box near your wardrobe, then you can tighten buttons and do any odd repairs the moment that they are necessary.

## LADY LUCK

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Don't be tempted by a person born under Cancer to join him in a risky undertaking. It is not likely to be a very auspicious partnership.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): A colleague may be in a very contrary mood today, but you should make due allowance for his domestic troubles.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): If a young member of your family shows signs of creative ability, see that he is given every opportunity to develop his talents.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You may be successful in concealing your emotions most of the time, but one of these days you will be provoked into revealing them.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Don't be embittered if an unselfish act is misinterpreted. Remember the pleasure it gave you to make the gesture in the first place.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): Great delicacy will be required of you in handling a family situation if you want to avoid hurting an older person's pride.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): It would be folly to let a

temporary infatuation come between you and your partner. Your whole future relationship could be seriously impaired.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): Don't expect everybody to feel gay just because you are in a happy mood. We all have our ups and downs.

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**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): In a new group of interesting people you may be surprised to find yourself the centre of attraction.

**YOUR BIRTHDAY:** If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a safety razor.

## Rupert and the Purple Star-19



Rupert is astonished at his friend's excitement. "Is the purple starfish very rare?" he asks. "Rare? Of course, it's rare!" exclaims Sam. "It only lives in one place in the world. He unties the map of an island. There, that's one of Cap'n



Morgan's smuggling hut," he says. "It's far, far away and the Purple Star lives there. It could never have travelled all this way alone over the bed of the sea. This means that somebody has troubled to bring Purple Star here. But who can it be? And why?"

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## STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

### A Spider Seamstress

—Mr. Merlin Takes Shadows To Mrs. Spindrella—

By MAX TRELL

"I HATE Spiders!" Hanid, the Shadow Girl, was saying to her brother Knarf. "They have so many legs. And they look ugly. I don't know what good they are at all."

"Of course Spiders are good!" Knarf said. "They catch flies, don't they?"

"Doesn't like them," Hanid admitted with a sigh. "But I don't like them just the same," she added.

It was at that moment that Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, came along. He was wearing a green suit with a green umbrella and a green felt hat, with a green feather in it. "I'm going for a walk and for a visit," he said to Knarf and Hanid. "Would you like to come along with me?"

When Knarf and Hanid asked Mr. Merlin where he was going to walk to and whom he was going to visit, he took a slip of paper out of his pocket and said:

"I've got the name and address right here. It's somebody I haven't met yet. But I was told she was a very good seamstress. My intention is to call on her and ask her to knit me a pair of green socks and green gloves."

Mr. Merlin lifted up the cuff of his trousers a bit to show Knarf and Hanid that he was wearing yellow socks. He also took out a pair of red gloves from his pocket.

"My socks and my gloves don't match my beautiful green suit and my green hat," he said. Mr. Merlin now read off the name of the seamstress.

It was Mrs. Spindrella Spider. "Spindrella!" cried Hanid. "Oh no!"

Mr. Merlin gave Hanid a look as much as to say: "Now what's got into you, young Lady?"

"I hate Spiders!" said Hanid. "They've got too many legs. And they're so ugly."

But Mr. Merlin simply smiled and said that Hanid didn't know what she was talking about. "I mean," he explained, "you don't know this Mrs. Spindrella. She may not be ugly at all. Now you just come along and make up your mind about her after you see her."

I ever heard of," said Knarf. "Here we are!" Mr. Merlin announced suddenly. "Here's the Back Lot. All we have to find is the Corner-of-the-Fence."

Found Mrs. Spindrella. They found it soon enough. They also found Mrs. Spindrella Spider sitting in the middle of her cobweb house.

"I hate Spiders!" Hanid started to say.

"Sh-h-h," warned Knarf. "She can hear you, Hanid!"

Mr. Merlin did an extraordinary thing at this moment. He uttered some magic words. (I Knarf now Hanid nor Mr. Merlin had any trouble walking right up to the place where Mrs. Spindrella Spider was waiting for them.)

And this was the strangest thing of all. The Spider looked like an old Grandmother with a homely but pleasantly-wrinkled face. And her legs

looked almost exactly like knitting needles. Even her voice was plain and good-natured.

She said she would be very glad to knit Mr. Merlin a pair of brown socks and brown gloves.

"Wants green colour," said Knarf. "But I want green socks and green gloves!" objected Mr. Merlin. "My whole suit is green. And my hat and my umbrella are green."

"In that case," said Spindrella, "I'd better knit you a brown suit and a brown hat and a brown umbrella."

"Lovely old thing, wasn't she?" Mr. Merlin later asked Hanid.

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## JACOBY on BRIDGE

WEST opened proceedings for the defence by cashing the ace and king of clubs. Then he looked around for new worlds to conquer.

It seemed almost certain to him that South would have good enough diamonds, so that there would be no trick for East and West in that suit. After all South had jumped to four spades after his partner's single raise.

Therefore, all his hopes had to be in the heart suit and if he cashed the ace he would be practically conceding the contract. Accordingly, West led the five of hearts.

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 2NT Pass 3♣ Pass

Now South holds: ♠KJ8 ♣AQ98 ♣AK3 ♣A104 What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump! You need 31 points for a minimum. Two no-trump opening and that is what you have.

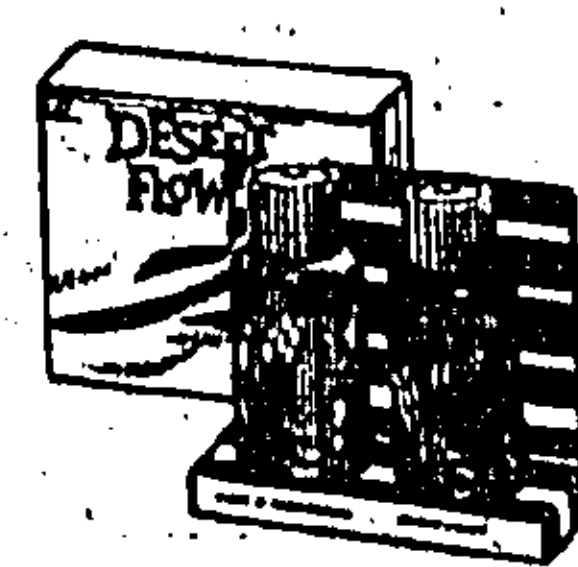
TODAY'S QUESTION Your partner continues with a bid of four clubs. You play this bid as normal and not a request to show aces. What do you do? Answer Tomorrow

NORTH		1
▲KJ432		
♥K4		
♣252		
♠J2		
WEST	EAST	
▲76	▲5	
♥A85	♥QJ9873	
♦843	♦100	
♠AK1085	♠943	
SOUTH (D)		
▲AQ1098		
♥102		
▲AKQJ		
♣Q7		
East and West vulnerable		
South	West	North East
1♠	Pass	2♠ Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass Pass
Opening lead—♠K		

If South had happened to hold the jack of hearts the play would probably have succeeded. South would certainly have been inclined to mark the ace of hearts in the East hand and to play low from dummy in the hope that West had led from the queen. The play succeeded anyway, but only because South came up with a nothing play. South was so sure that East would hold the ace of hearts that he did not even bother to play the king from dummy. East made his jack; West made his ace; and South had to live with his error.

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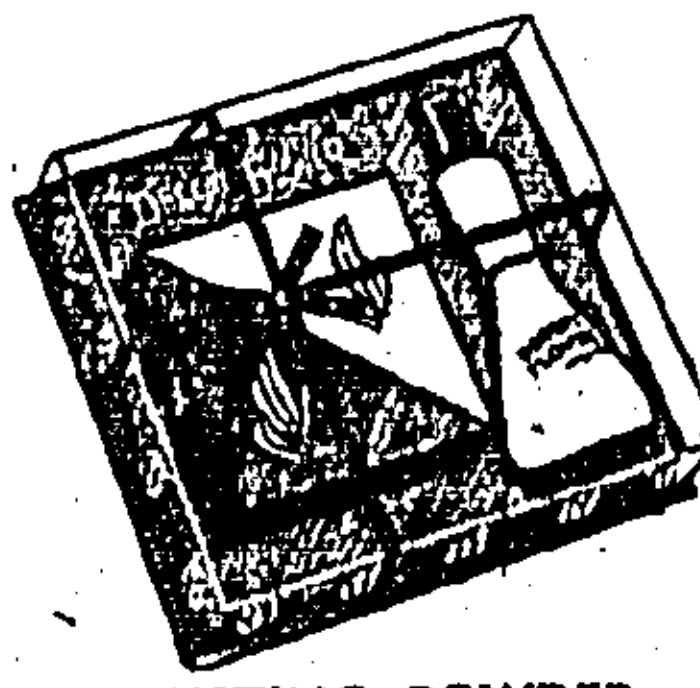
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## Footballer dies during match

London, Dec. 18. A 28-year-old footballer collapsed in a match and died in an ambulance taking him to Nottingham General Hospital on Saturday.

Left-half Ron Burton was playing for Macclesfield Town Reserves against Long Eaton Reserves at Long Eaton near Nottingham, when he collapsed midway through the first half while his team were leading one nil.

His team-mates were told of his death as they came off the pitch after winning 7-1.—A.P.

## Morocco's Rhadi wins Lefauchaux cross-country race

Paris, Dec. 18. Morocco's Abdelkader Rhadi, marathon silver medalist at the Rome Olympics, beat a crack international field when he won the Lefauchaux International Cross-country race at Les Mureaux, west of Paris today.

Rhadi beat off Britain's 3,000 metres world record holder Gordon Pirie and the Belgian cross-country ace Vandeweyer to cover the 8,800 metres in 20 minutes 6 seconds.

Vandeweyer finished second in 20 mins 36 secs and his compatriot Vandendriessche third.

But the London Club took the team event with the British runners Reed fourth in 27 mins 1 sec, Pirie fifth in 27 mins 3 secs and Firle 14th in 27 mins 44 secs.—A.P.

## NOTICE

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Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1960/61 to be held on Monday 2nd and Saturday 7th January, 1961, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

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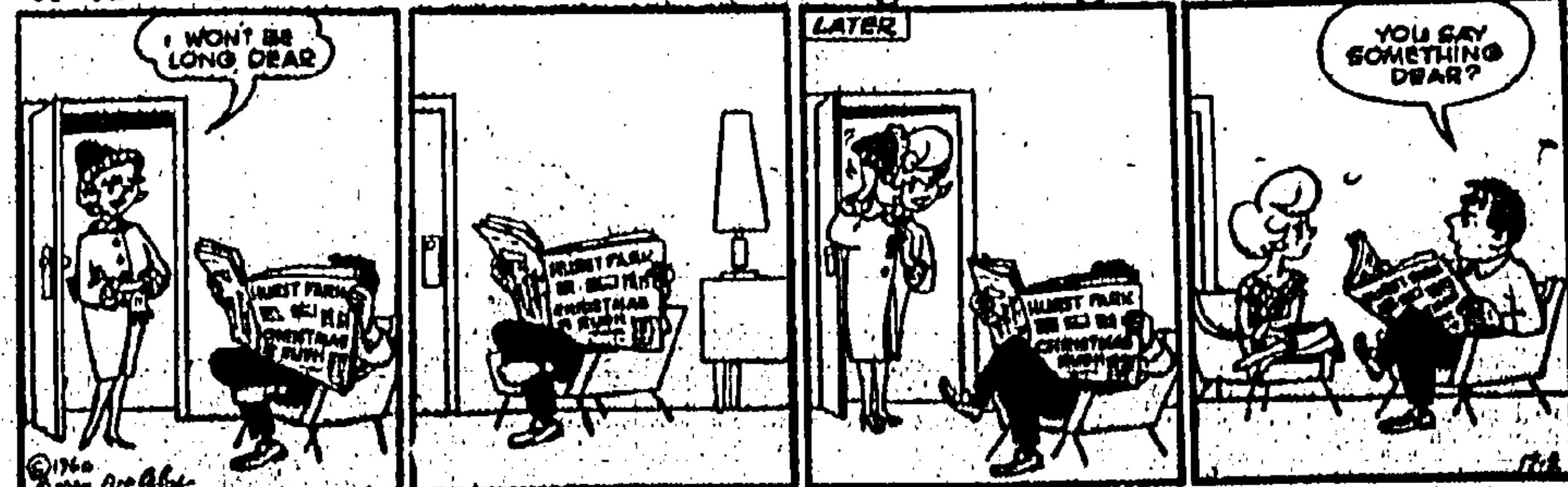
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## THE GAMBOLS



# Happy Valley.....I, Tung Wah.....I AN ALL-SQUARE PAIR Tung Wah a little lucky to draw with Happy Valley

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In a bristling, breezy First Division Soccer League match played before some 20,000 fans at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday afternoon Happy Valley had to accept a one-all draw with Tung Wah after a game which they should have won hands down.

The game had plenty of action; it had lots of incident; and the spectators got a very fair return for their money... particularly during the first half when play was always interesting.

Happy Valley were by far the more dangerous side. They should have had the two points in safe keeping long before the end. For the hectic struggle for supremacy which ensued in the closing stages they had only themselves to blame. They put far too much faith in their solid goal lead and fell back in defence when it would have paid them much better to have pressed home their attacks.

## Biggest black mark

The biggest black mark of the afternoon went to centre-forward Lai Chin-kau for a miss-in-a-million midway through the second half. The Happy Valley leader was away out on his own when the ball came to him from a combination of attackers' intentions and defenders' errors. There was not an opponent within twelve yards of Lai as he brought the ball under control but to the consternation of his colleagues and the disappointment of the fans he flopped the ball feebly into the Tung Wah goalkeeper's waiting arms.

It was a shocking miss. Quite apart from the fact he failed to score, Lai Chin-kau's miss took a lot of the heart out of his mates and the side as a whole never quite recovered. They were still ahead by a goal when the incident occurred... and it was most significant that Tung Wah got their point-saving equaliser almost immediately afterwards.

When one considers they were playing without regular centre-forward Kwok Moon-wah, Happy Valley must set special merit marks for their showing.

The passing was always better than that of the Tung Wah boys who started firm favourites to collect two points. Their strong tackling wing-

halves kept a tight hold on Tung Wah's star inside-forwards Yip Cheuk-yin and Lo Kwok-tai and with their backs to the goal they kept everything in favour of a Happy Valley victory. However, surprise and uncertainty are the ingredients of soccer's appeal and so it was once again.

## Ration of lapses

The Happy Valley defence did some sterling work but goalkeeper Wong Shiu-wa once again contributed his ration of lapses which have plagued his play this season. Fortunately he survived his unsteady patch and in the closing stages pulled off some excellent saves.

Lo Kwok-tai again showed how much he has improved in recent times while his partner Chan Chan-lam got through a satisfying afternoon's endeavour. The front rank never quite hit the same high standards. This was due in large measure to Leung Wai-hung's inability to shake off the attentions of wily speedy Lo Pak, the Tung Wah right-back.

Happy Valley had of course a glaring weakness at centre-forward where Lai Chin-kau was no better than a stopgap performer. Inside-forwards Chu Wing-keung and Tse Bien-kuen schemed and plotted to good advantage but both faded a bit in the second half when the Tung Wah wing-halves applied the pressure.

Ng Au Pang-lin, in spite of a heavily bandaged leg, looked very sprightly after his recent injury. Some of his footwork was a treat to watch and he gave Lee Kwok-wah a testing ninety minutes.

According to some of the pre-match prophets Tung Wah should have been good enough to win by about four goals but in the end they were very fortunate... to settle for their single point. On the run of play they hardly deserved it yet, strangely enough, they came very close to snatching both.

**Peculiar refereeing**  
Goalkeeper Yung Pui-dor and his full-backs Lo Pak and Lee Kwok-wah formed a very serviceable rear division and with Ko Po-keung, tough and strong as ever, covering a lot of ground there was no lack of enterprise in the Tung Wah defence although Chan Fal-hung was again below his best form.

Ng Wai-man got through a lot of work and in the first half particularly he looked just about the only man in his side liable to score.

The Tung Wah front rank was very ordinary. Szeto Sum did little except snatch the equalising goal—many may think that was enough—while Lam Kam-tong has fallen away to an alarming degree since he left KMB at the end of last season. In this game he was never in the picture.

Yip Cheuk-yin and Lo Kwok-tai were unusually quiet. The little inside-left had occasional bursts of energy but they were few and far between... but he needs a more intelligent partner than Kwong Yit-ying to make the best use of his positional switches.

Referee Freddy Fratelli had a peculiar afternoon. In the early stages it seemed he had decided on a non-cooperation deal with his line-men. Several times in the first quarter of an hour he refused to accept—or misread—hockey flag-waving by both line-men and then, strangely enough, he disallowed a goal on a

similar flag when he appeared to be in much better position than the line-man to decide 'fair' or 'foul'.

He was right on the spot and seemed in no doubt about the legitimacy of the score until he saw the upraised flag.

Tung Wah were very annoyed about his reversed decision and they were similarly upset late in the game when, after Szeto Sum had broken through, he was brought back and given the very definite disadantage of a free-kick for an offence against him which he had already survived.

The crowd was well wrapped up against the chilly afternoon but they did not have long to wait for something to warm them up for twice in the opening stages Chu Wing-keung showed that time has not blunted his shooting boots by sending a couple of shots just wide.

## Escaped censure

Just to prove it was not all one way traffic, Ng Wai-man punctuated the proceedings with two good tries but, although activity, it was not until the 25th minute that the first major incident took place... and appropriately it fell to goal.

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The match at King's Park between Gremlins 'A' and KCC developed into a very keen struggle in which Gremlins were dominant almost throughout.

Gremlins deserved their success but KCC made the mistake, especially in the second half, of practically the whole team dropping back in defence. In fact it was this that led to their defeat, Gremlins' first goal coming from a penalty bully after KCC's inside-right M. Fincher, back in her own circle, had stopped a shot at goal with her body.

**Results**  
Results of the weekend's hockey matches were:  
**LADIES' DIVISION**  
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**GENTLEMEN'S FIRST DIVISION**  
Recreio 14-1 KGV 'A'  
Macaensis 12-1 Dutch HC  
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Recreio 14-1 Dutch HC  
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# Japan makes a clean sweep of Asian Table Tennis titles

Bombay, Dec. 18.

Japan made table tennis history by sweeping all before them in the Fifth Asian Championships which ended here tonight after the marathon eight days' play.

Winners of last Tuesday's team championships and Saturday's women's doubles title, Japan bagged the remaining four titles today to ruthlessly crush all opposition from the nine other participating countries.

Ichiro Ogimura, who twice held the world championship emerged as the triple crown winner when he took the men's singles, the men's doubles and the mixed doubles titles.

**Hopes of all-Japanese finals were in sight even on Saturday** but a lone Korean player stood as a stumbling block in the men's singles final.

Appropriately enough it fell to Ogimura to remove this threat and pave the way for Japan to carry home all the trophies. Ogimura's triumph over the 21-year-old Korean national champion Dal Joon was all the more meritorious in that the men's singles title of the Asian Championships had eluded Japan since the Championships started eight years ago.

Having won this trophy Ogimura proceeded in a brisk businesslike manner to win for himself the coveted triple crown, partnering T. Murakami in the men's doubles and Miss K. Matsuzaki in the mixed doubles.

**Results**  
Results of all the five finals were:  
Men's Singles: Ogimura beat Lee Dal Joon (Korea) 22-20, 10-21, 21-13, 21-12.  
Women's Singles: Miss Yamazumi beat Yoshiko Murakami 21-10, 21-12, 9-10.  
Men's Doubles: Ogimura and Taro Murakami beat Nobuya Hoshino and G. Shibutani 21-14, 21-15, 21-14.  
Mixed Doubles: Ogimura and Miss Matsuzaki beat Murakami and Miss Lamazumi 21-17, 13-11, 20-10, 10-21, 21-17.  
Women's Doubles (played yesterday): Miss Matsuzaki and Miss Yamazumi beat Choi Kyang Yu and Hwang Yui (Korea) 21-12, 31-17, 21-17.—AFP and Reuter.

# MACAENSIS 'A' CONSOLIDATE SENIOR HOCKEY LEAD

## Just about deserving 1-0 victors over Army 'A'

By NUMPERE

Macaensis 'A' consolidated their position at the head of the First Division men's hockey league yesterday with a 1-0 win over Army 'A'.

The second and third teams in the league table, Nav Bharat 'A' and KCC 'A' played to a 2-2 draw at KCC, thus leaving the position at the top end of the table unchanged.

In Section 'B' of the Second Division, HKIC 'A' did the RAF a good turn by taking a point from Army 'C' in a 1-1 draw and the RAF are now three points ahead at the top of the league table after crushing 12-1 defeat of Dutch HC.

**Macaensis 'A' vs Army 'A'**  
The match at King's Park between Macaensis 'A' and Army 'A' was not quite the thriller expected, the only goal coming in the opening seconds.

Army were without skipper Oliphant who was on the injured list and he was sadly missed, not so much for his playing ability, as Goodban filled his shoes well, but for his captaincy. His usual partner Pettifer at right-back had an excellent game as did the rest of the defence, but Beckett at inside-left had enough chances to make the game safe for Army.

Beckett is an excellent half-back but seems out of place in the forward line.

Voloma led Macaensis well and it would be unfair to single out for mention any player from this team. They all played as hard as they know how.

**The deciding goal**  
The game was only 28 seconds old when Macaensis scored what was to be the deciding goal.

From the bully-off J. Captitude went away up the right wing and crossed hard. The Army defence seemed to be caught off guard and Sa's Silva came running in from the left wing to bang the ball home and be almost mobbed by the rest of his team.

Three minutes later Army came close to levelling the score when Zee Sequiera was forced to concede a corner from a Beckett shot after Beckett had made the opening. Turner's corner found Beckett but his shot was also saved by Zee Sequiera.

The pace in the opening stages was terrific with most of the attacking coming from the Army. The Macaensis defence however, stood firm with inside-right Cunha falling back and helping out.

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The match at King's Park between Gremlins 'A' and KCC developed into a very keen struggle in which Gremlins were dominant almost throughout.

Gremlins deserved their success but KCC made the mistake, especially in the second half, of practically the whole team dropping back in defence. In fact it was this that led to their defeat, Gremlins' first goal coming from a penalty bully after KCC's inside-right M. Fincher, back in her own circle, had stopped a shot at goal with her body.

**Penalty-bully**  
The first half was mainly confined to midfield play and there was little excitement in front of goal, what there was coming mainly from Gremlins' attacks and the pattern was the same for the first 15 minutes of the second half with Gremlins slightly on top.

Then a penalty-bully was awarded against M. Fincher for stopping an almost certain goal with her body and from this J. Barrow put Gremlins in the lead.

From the bully-off KCC attacked strongly for a brief spell, Gremlins' goalkeeper being called on to save twice in quick succession from M. Fincher and M. Williams, but Gremlins weathered the spell and soon regained their grip on the game. They went further ahead in the 62nd minute when S. Holmes intercepted a partial clearance from KCC's goalkeeper N. Carvalho, and scored with a hard shot to enable her side to finish up deserving winners by 2-0.

**The teams**  
Gremlins 'A': M. Muir, B. Miller, H. Patterson, S. Reynolds, G. Mehta, J. Stevenson, S. Talati, S. Holmes, J. Barrow, B. Muir, N. Carvalho.  
KCC: N. Carvalho, H. McKinnon, S. Wolfe-Faragun, A. Mendez, M. Williams, T. Roza, Pereira, B. Simpson, M. Fincher, S. Howson, C. Ozorio, S. Thornborough.

Before this match KGV 'A' defeated Gremlins 'B' who were one player short by 6-2. Gremlins held out for the first 20 minutes but then KGV scored four times in as many minutes with Gremlins scoring one a minute later to make the half-time score 4-1 in KGV's favour.

In the second half KGV added two more and Gremlins one, this one coming from J. Prior who ran right through from her own half.

KGV 'A's scorers were A. Luddington (3), H. Hall (2), and P. Olson (1), and Gremlins' goals came from B. Daniels and J. Prior.

**Results**  
Results of the weekend's hockey matches were:  
**LADIES' DIVISION**  
Gremlins 'B' 14-1 KGV 'B'  
Gremlins 'A' 6-2 Recreio  
**GENTLEMEN'S FIRST DIVISION**  
Recreio 14-1 KGV 'A'  
Macaensis 12-1 Dutch HC  
KCC 11-1 Dutch HC  
**MEN'S SECOND DIVISION**  
Recreio 14-1 Dutch HC  
KCC 11-1 Dutch HC



## AN UNINSPIRING GAME

# RAF beat Navy to record second win in Hexangular Rugby Tournament

By 'PROP'

In a Hexangular Tournament rugby match at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon Royal Air Force beat the Navy by eight points (a goal and a try) to nil.

This game was marked by some of the poorest handling that I have seen this season, and the general standard of rugby served up by both sides was in marked contrast to that of their previous encounters with the Club and Police.

A mauling forward battle was the feature of the first half. The heavyweights Navy pack tried hard to subdue the RAF forwards and indeed did manage to acquire a major share of the ball in the tight but this did them no good whatsoever as they had not one single three-quarter who looked capable of giving or taking a pass whilst on the move.

## More dangerous

The RAF on the other hand tried to throw the ball about and looked much more dangerous in attack than did the sailors.

With an advantage in the line-outs, and some fast following by their back-row, the RAF pack

whilst never getting on top of their counterparts did manage to get a good share of the ball in the loose and their three were kept busy.

The RAF three, however, ran about the field rather like domestic animals chasing their own tails, for when they did manage to hold their passes the Navy three were on to them quickly and knocked them down with some pretty good tackling.

Anthony, Jack and Dixon were securing a good share of the ball at the line-outs for the RAF and from one of these, near the Navy line, Geo made a half-break which was supported on the inside by Beck. The wing-forward transferred the ball back to Geo who with a small gap set his three moving. Poyner went into touch near the Navy line, but RAF using well their height took the ball at the line-out and switched their attack to the other side of the field.

## Made the break

Roberts made the break and the ball travelled through Low to Gregory for the winger to touch down in the corner. Weavill was wide with the kick, and at half-time the airmen were in front by three points.

Shortly after the resumption Roberts attempted a drop at goal. The ball struck the cross-bar cleanly and rebounded to Beck who scored near the posts. Weavill added the extra points and the Navy were eight points down.

From this point onwards the RAF controlled the game. The heavy Navy forwards found that the pace was too much for them

and were never once together in the loose. Indeed, the only time they were seen as a pack was at a set scrum!

RAF on the other hand threw the ball about, but wildly and with little apparent thought. They should have scored at least twice during this period but their finishing was appalling.

Pope at full-back saved the Navy side time after time, though playing well below his best. Land at fly-half, looked to be out of position but never gave up trying, and Orr-Ewing was the best of the forwards.

## Tower of strength

For the RAF Weavill at full-back had a good game and this player could very well gain representative honours this season. Dixon was a tower of strength in the pack and Davies, at the base of the scrum, passed better than I have seen him pass all season. Roberts, in the centre, had a good game.

This was truly an uninspiring game from two teams who are capable of better things. Admittedly the Navy made quite a number of changes, but both sides will have to show better than this if they are not to finish as "wooden-spoonists" this year!

## The teams

RAF: Weavill, Poyner, Low, Roberts, Gregory, Geo, Davies, Richards, Raw, Broughton, Anthony, Jack, Barwell, Dixon, Beck.

Navy: Pope, Gunning, Crowley, Goodwin, Hunt, Land, Jones, Jones, Davies, Buchanan, Standard, Davy, Rogers, Thornycroft, Orr-Ewing.

## Two bottom-of-the-league teams in fine softball match during weekend

By QLLY VAS

No surprise results were registered in the second round Junior softball league matches at King's Park over the weekend and although spectators' attention was as usual focussed on league-leading teams there was one fast and very sporting contest played off between two bottom-of-the-table sides.

In this Junior game the New Asia College boys triumphed over the Wolves to the tune of 21 runs to nil, the winners coming up with an errorless performance.

One of the three Japanese boys in the team, Furdole, was the first batter up and pitcher Castro failed to find the plate, walking Furdole on four balls. Countryman Tashiro then laid down a bunt along third base and the slow-rolling ball caught the Wolves' infield flat-footed, Furdole going all the way to third on the play.

Allen followed suit with another bunt, this time in the direction of first base and Furdole scored. Tashiro going to second base. Catcher Takahashi, one of the previous season's nominees for the Most Valuable Player award, then batted one of Castro's slow pitches to center field and both Tashiro and Allen scored to put the Collegians up 3-0.

## Neat bunt

After Chan had been tossed out in the infield Wong hit a long fly-ball to left-field, scoring Takahashi to increase New Asia's lead to 4-0. C. C. Wong let a third strike go by and was called out by plate umpire Shotton to close the inning for the winners.

Castro led off for the Wolves with a neat bunt just in front of the plate which the opposition did not seem interested in fielding but Castro was too slow in his running towards second base and an accurate throw by Takahashi beat him to the base, for the Wolves' first out. Remedios and Tonnochy found difficulty with pitcher Chan's deliveries and could not hit the ball past the infield.

In the top of the second inning the Wolves started off well but two free tickets to first when Castro again failed to put over the strikes and some in-

accurate relays from the infield let in two New Asia runs to put the Wolves further behind. Then with one out they got themselves out of trouble by pulling off a double-play, the two Chans being the victims.

A line-drive off P. Chan's bat was well caught by second-baseman Jorge who then relayed the ball to first-sacker Docas who stepped on the bag before M. Chan's foot could make contact with it, the latter having dashed off as soon as the ball was hit. A very timely play this one.

## Bad third inning

In the bottom of the second the Wolves still seemed to find M. Chan's pitching to their liking. Wu, Constantino and Gill all connecting but not getting the ball past the infield.

It was certainly a bad third inning for them after Roza had foul-tipped, Docas and Jorge fell victims to a double-play when both were in a position to open the scoring for their side. They had earlier held New Asia scoreless in the top of this inning.

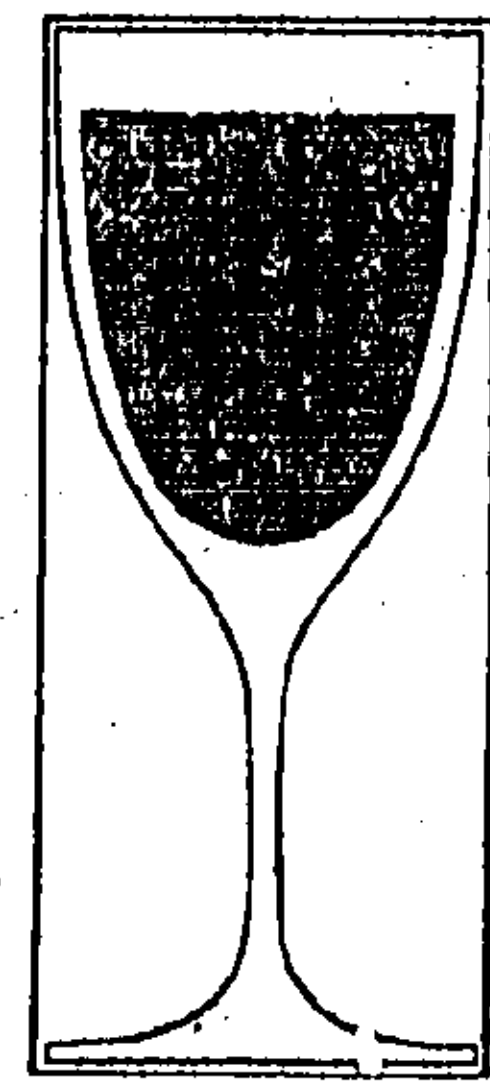
The Collegians were only ahead 6-0 when the fourth inning opened but soon it was 13-0 for they capitalised on some loose fielding by the losers and on only three hits they tallied seven times, twelve batters going up to the plate. No one would have blamed the Wolves for giving up at this stage but they kept on trying all the same.

In the top of the fifth the Collegians made the score even larger, the two big hits in this inning going to P. Chan who banged out a home run to right-centre and Shen who hit for two bases.

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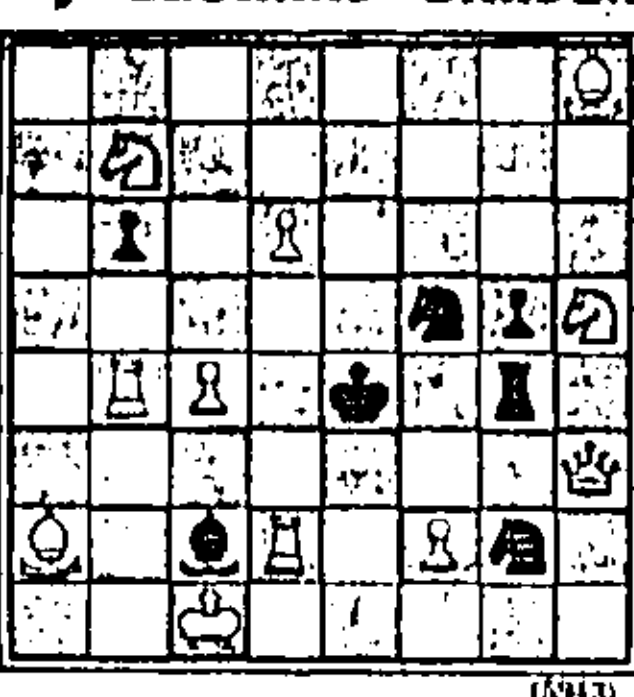
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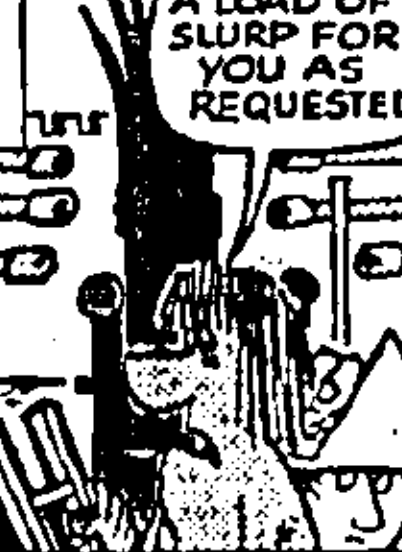
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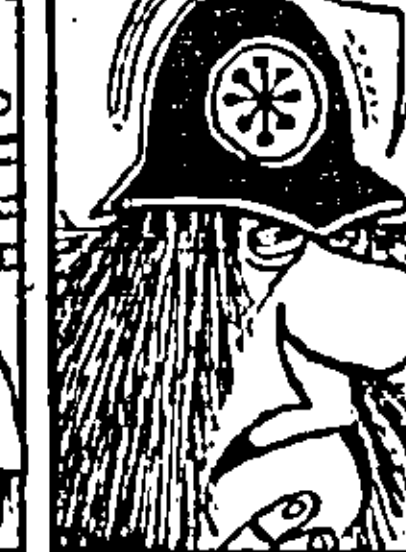
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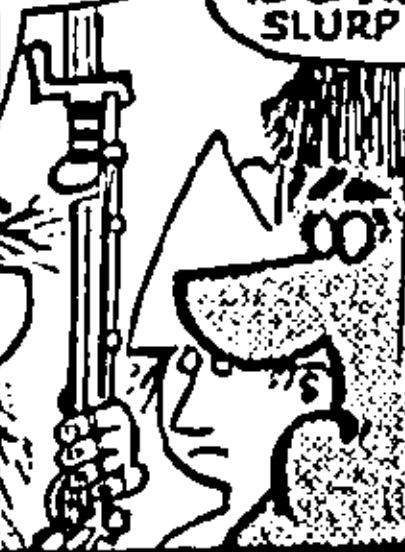
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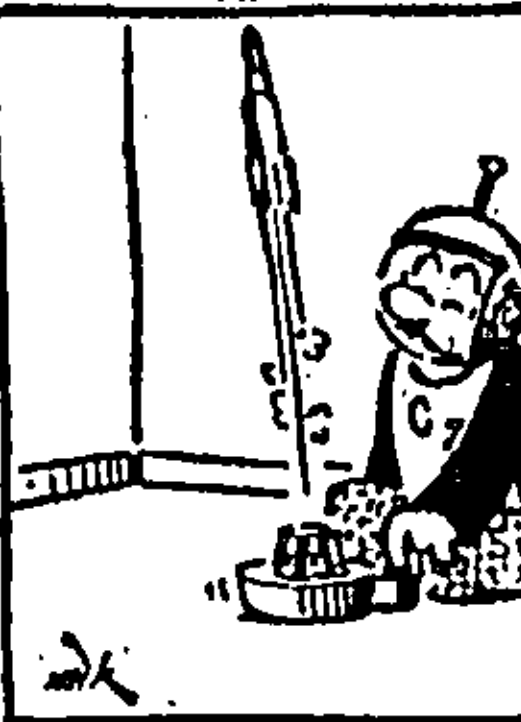
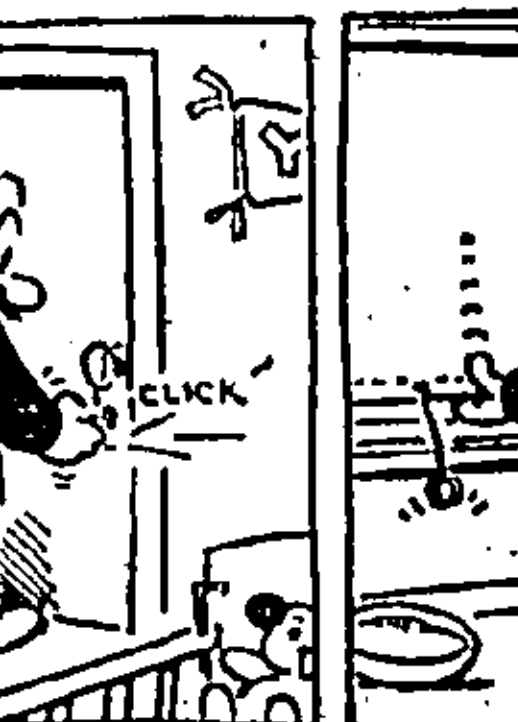
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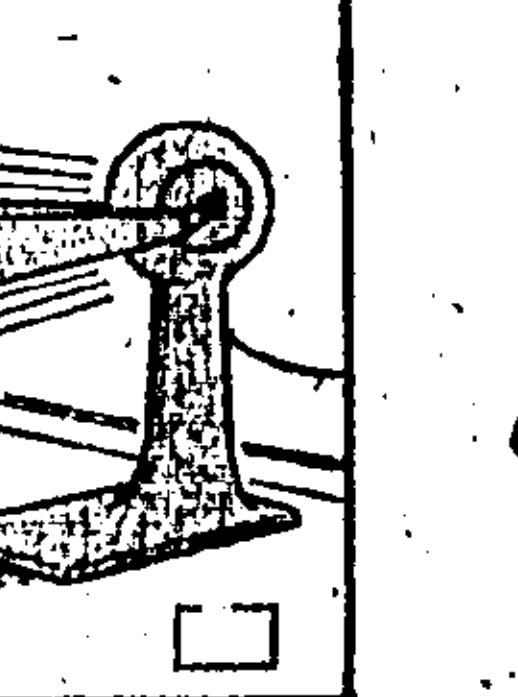
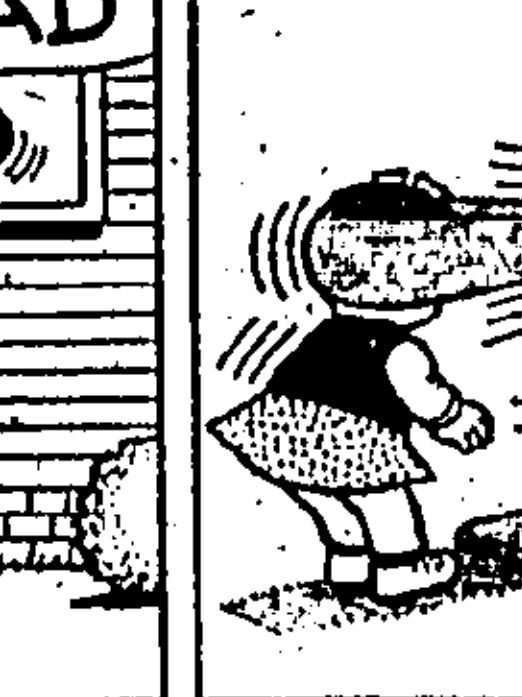
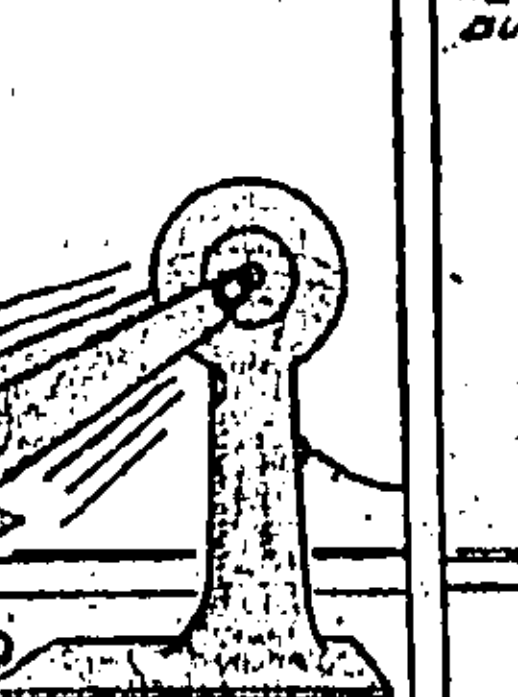
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## Man allegedly killed woman with hammer

A man struck a woman co-tenant with a hammer on the head and then surrendered himself to the police, it was alleged in the Criminal Sessions this morning. The woman died in Queen Mary Hospital shortly after the alleged attack.

Before Mr Justice A. D. Scholtes and a jury of five men and two women, the man, a 47-year-old carpenter, Cheng Oi, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Principal Crown Counsel, said that accused and the deceased woman,

Chan Mei-ling, were tenants of 35 D'Aguilar-street, ground floor. On the morning of October 27, they were seen on the cockloft with deceased's three-year-old daughter.

About 9 am, the deceased's 21-year-old god-daughter saw accused leaving the cockloft with a hammer in his hand. Mr Rea said. When she entered the cubicle where deceased stayed, she found the deceased lying on the bed bleeding from the head.

The girl shouted "save life" and chased after the accused. Mr Rea continued. Outside the house they had a brief scuffle but accused broke away.

## GOODWILL GESTURE

By Anthony Fuller

A real seasonal gesture of goodwill has been made by the Universal-International Company representatives of Hongkong, in allowing the Lee Theatre to play their highly successful film, "The Brides of Dracula," over the Christmas Holiday.

Since the Lee Theatre was struck off U-I's list, following the action of the American Treasury, the Lee and Astor pairing for showing films has had to rely mainly upon British and Continental films, as most exhibitors demand that there is always a local double booking, one on the island and the other in Kowloon simultaneously.

Now that the Lee and Astor pairing is broken up, it leaves the Lee Theatre out on its own until it links up with the Princess at the New Year, and it also meant that the Lee Theatre was unable to obtain a first run film for the highly profitable Christmas season.

However, Universal-International, by permitting the Lee to run "The Brides of Dracula" has solved the Lee's problem.

## Seaman fined

A 19-year-old seaman of HMS Caprice, Anthony Ernest Pitt pleaded guilty to assaulting a bar boy and was fined \$150 by Mr K.A.S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning. Inspector Y. C. L. m. prosecuting, said the assault took place in Carrie Bar, Wanchai, in the early hours yesterday when Pitt was told by the bar boy that beer was sold out.

## UNCONSCIOUS

Meanwhile, an ambulance arrived and deceased was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. She was still alive then but was unconscious and did not respond to any stimuli. Efforts of resuscitation failed and she died about 1.50 pm that day, Mr Rea said.

The accused, in the meantime, ran to the police station and spoke to a European officer. The officer, who was conversant in Cantonese, understood the accused to say that he had hit someone and that he had carried a hammer. A police corporal was called and in a cautioned statement, accused allegedly admitted striking the deceased with a hammer, Mr Rea said.

Accused was charged with causing grievous bodily harm but later word came through that the deceased had died. Accused was then informed that he would be charged with murder and made no reply, Mr Rea said.

Hearing is continuing. The accused was represented by Mr H.H.B. How, instructed by Mr C.P. Lai.



Mrs. A. Sommerfelt presenting Mr. George Tong with the key to the car which he won.—China Mail Photo.

## Prize winner presented with a car

Mrs. A. Sommerfelt, President of the Marianne Reichl Aid to Lepers Group, this morning presented Mr. George Tong with the Mini-Minor car won at the Leper Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Mrs. Sommerfelt, who celebrates her birthday today, said it was a special pleasure to hand over so fine a prize on behalf of the Group. She thanked Mrs. J. A. B. Leckie and Mrs. G. S. Watson, who were present, for their hard work in organising the donation tickets drive.

Mrs. J. A. B. Leckie, Chairman of the Fair, added her thanks and congratulations to the lucky winner.

Mr. Tong, a staff member of Union Insurance, thanked the ladies and told them that he had bought two tickets and

given one away to a friend. He plans to drive the car himself, as his own "is getting rather old."

## Pickpocket gets two years' jail

A two years' sentence was imposed this morning by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court on a 26-year-old man, Lee Wah, for picking the pocket of a factory worker containing three dollars.

Lee pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector M. H. Dorman, prosecuting, said that last Saturday the complainant, Tsai Lam, was waiting for a bus in Castle Peak-road near Kam Tsun-street, when he noticed the defendant picking his rear trousers pocket.

Tsai gave chase and caught the defendant.

## CHRISTMAS CALLS BOOKED

London, Dec. 19. Christmas Day phonecalls from Britain to Hongkong, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia are already fully booked, the British telephone authorities announced here.—Reuter.

## Two charged with corruption

Two army civilian employees on corruption charge appeared before Mr K. A. S. Phillips at the Causeway Bay Court this morning.

They were Tang Chuk-sum, 40, a grade B clerk attached to "Q" branch, Headquarters, L and Forces, Victoria Barracks, who pleaded guilty and Li Kwong, alias Li Sun, 45, a kitchen hand at Stanley Post, who pleaded not guilty.

## CONSPIRING

They were accused of conspiring together and corruptly receiving \$80 from Lam Ngai-tai between October 1 and November 30 as inducement for getting him a job as a kitchen hand with the Civilian Establishment Pay Office of the War Department, Stanley Post.

Hearing was fixed for January 26 and 27.

Tang was granted bail of \$2,000 and Li, bail of \$500.

## Worthy effort by an amateur choir

By D. E. GRAY

Although few would claim that the musical writing of A. R. Gaul is profound, his oratorio "The Ten Virgins," presented by the Christian Association, University of Hongkong, last evening, had just the degree of simplicity which was suitable for an amateur choir of young University students.

where no use is made of the right pedal, and did not achieve that continuous rolling harmony one associates with an organ, but it did make up for the lack of bass, and after all, it is something to have an organ at all for accompaniment. The piano accompaniment by Woo Yuen-poon was particularly effective.

The story of the oratorio is based on the Biblical story of the "Ten Virgins." Generally speaking, the choir was in better voice in the second half than the first half, and in particular, the Quartet and Chorus "Glory and Worship are before Him" was sung very well, in fact much the best combined effort of the evening. The soloists were especially Guillelma Tum and Ruth Chow, who through the lyrical quality of their singing, contributed so much to the success of this oratorio. Ruth Chow's solo "God will not the death of a sinner" was given a beautiful rendering — not only has her voice a lovely quality, but her musicianship is apparent in everything she sings.

In all, this was a worthy effort on the part of the Christian Association. There will be a repeat performance tonight at the Queen Elizabeth School, Kowloon, at 8 o'clock.

## Fisherman gets 2 months

A 51-year-old fisherman who possessed four sticks of gelignite, two detonators and five fuses without a licence on board his boat was sentenced to two months' jail by Mr Derek Cons at Central magistrates court this morning.

Kwok Hung-hel, the defendant, was also fined \$75 with the alternative of three weeks' jail for failing to renew his junk's licence.

Insp. Yip Tai-yau, prosecuting, said the police intercepted Kwok's junk off the East Lamma Channel near Apollon on Sunday and found the explosives on board. Insp. Yip added that Kwok's licence for his junk had expired since August 13 and he had not renewed it.



Mrs. Lawson (left), wife of Brigadier W. P. L. Lawson, Commander of the Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, presiding at a ceremony at which over a ton of old clothing for needy Chinese were handed over to Miss Madge C. Newcombe.—China Mail Photo.

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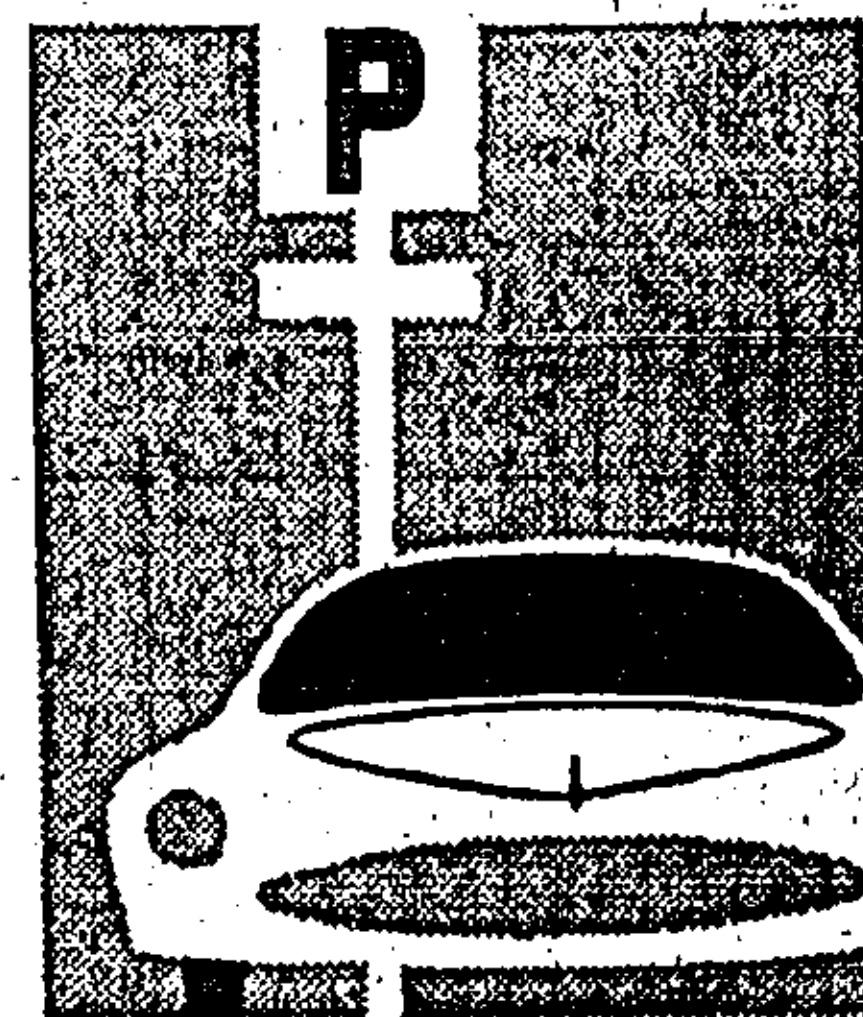
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A BREAKDOWN causing some disorganisation of the Colony's transport services occurred to the Vehicular ferry wharf yesterday morning.

It was the first mishap to the service since its inception, and it was soon repaired. It appears that one of the cables which lifts the pontoon bridge at the wharf on the Hongkong side gave way at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday making it impossible for the boats to load or discharge.

Cars and trucks were, in consequence, unable to cross the harbour and were held up till late in the afternoon, when the defect was repaired. Gangs of workmen were set to work on the damaged bridge as soon after it gave way as possible, and the vehicular service was able to resume operations shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday.

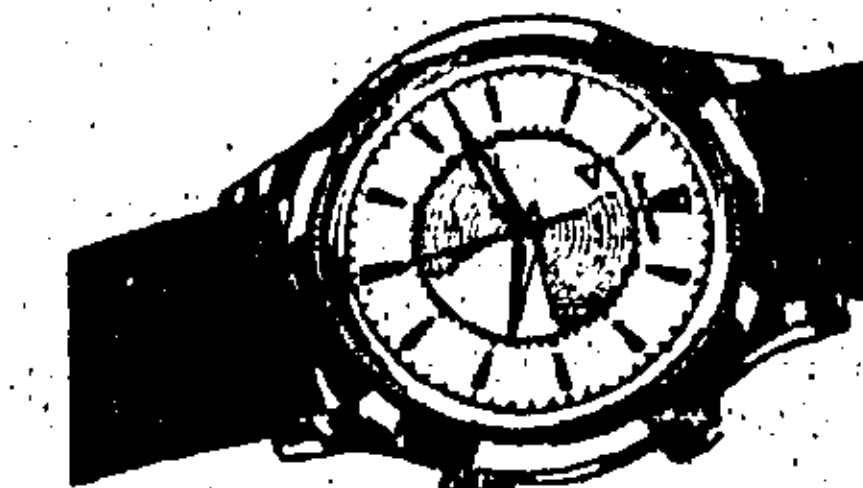


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## dear sir

I have read with interest and admiration what Jojo Gutz and Natty wrote in this valuable column. I would like to join them by drawing the topic a wee bit nearer. It goes without saying that gambling is a vice—vice of intemperance progressively leading to depravity, wickedness and destruction. Unlike in Macao, gambling is not legalised here, and yet gamblers have found their way to the Sport Of Kings. This popular game has, however, called forth quite a big bunch of diehard gamblers who are far from being members of the Jockey Club but taking to gambling as a profession. In racing days they frequent the members stand or the public enclosure when they could afford. At times as pecuniary circumstances hardly permit, they leave their betting in the hands of bookies, thereby awaiting such golden dreams to come true. After all, Jojo Gutz is right in suggesting that gamblers would never reform. You always find these unsuccessful gamblers at the grave yard behind the Club premises or under the toto, looking unconsciously forward to the winning result of certain ponies to which their tickets should apply. They can hardly leave the races unattended before putting themselves up in a grave.

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